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Room for one more big storm

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The Sacramento area's levees should get a respite, as Northern California experiences what looks like a break from major rains.

"There's nothing big on the horizon, so it looks like we can get the river levels down over the next week or so," said Ken Ruzich, manager of Reclamation District 900 in West Sacramento. This agency is one of the main flood control authorities in city boundaries.

The last set of storms brought water levels up along the riverfront and the Yolo Bypass, he added – but the levees were perhaps one big storm away from being severely challenged.

"This didn't make our 'top 10' for threats, I don't think, and I've been here for about 30 years," Ruzich commented. "It didn't compare to '86 or '97, when we had worse conditions. This time, they didn't encroach much into the 'flood reserve' capacity of any of the big dams, so they could have probably handled one more big storm by absorbing the water. I'd say we were at about 65 percent (of flood control capacity) or about one major storm away from (full) capacity."

How did the levees fare?

Along the river, said Ruzich, "we have a small area with some tiny little 'boils' (percolation points), but it's an area we have been watching. The perimeter did well – we do have a few sites where we're going to have to put some rocks in for erosion control."

The city's western levees, along the Yolo Bypass area, have behaved better.

"The bypass has high levels of water, but that's where we just spent $30 million (on upgrades), so we believe it is rock-solid."

Water inside city's perimeter of levees actually created more challenges than water outside, he added.

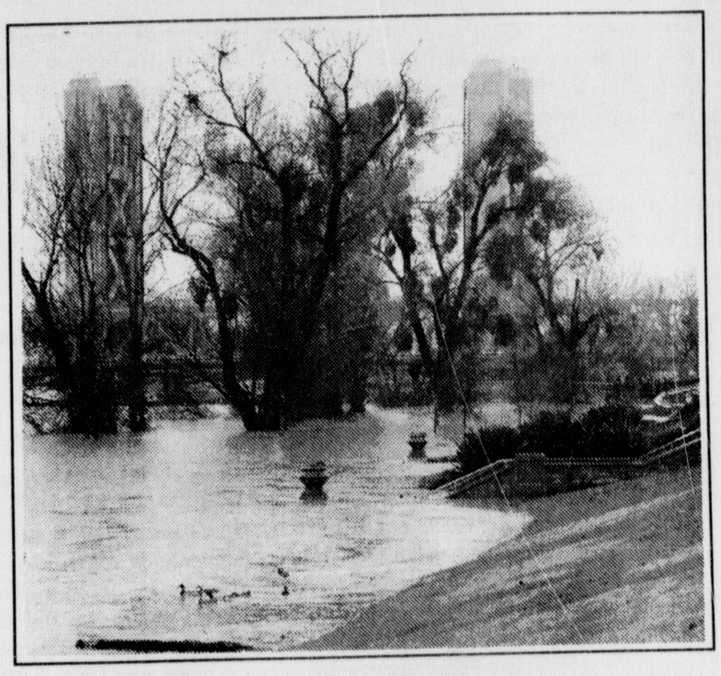
"We got 3 ½ inches of rain overnight one night, so internal drainage was 'interesting.'"

Ruzich said that his district's crews were able to attend to the city's stormwater drainage system during this heavy rainfall – since they were spelled atop the levees by city workers.

"We don't have a very large staff, so when we got to the real exciting part and got 3 ½ inches of rain in one night, the city organized volunteers and did our levee patrol for us. That allowed us to pay attention to the internal drainage."

He said that West Sacramento's stormwater management facilities are much better than they used to be.

"Every one of those new developments out there is designed to handle its own stormwater, with retention ponds and the like," he said.



THE GRAND STAIRCASE at West Sacramento's River Walk Park, in front of the 'ziggurat' building, led into the waters of the Sacramento River Sunday. Much of the park was underwater due to high river flow.

Ruzich commented that media images of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans have "heightened the attention" paid to flood issues locally.

But he voiced some optimism about the coming winter.

"There are no *El Nino* or *La Nina* conditions out there, and this is a normal winter pattern," Ruzich stated. "You get what we just had – a series of storms with some breaks in between. The breaks in between are really important – they allow you to move the water through the system. A 'normal' pattern doesn't tell you how much rain you will get, though – 1955, when we had all kinds of (flooding) problems, was a 'normal' year. A 'normal' pattern can also bring you a drought year. But once you get into mid-January, and the storms tend to get colder and more of the precipitation falls as snow instead of rain, that helps, too."

FLOOD INFO: sandbags, barricades, more

■ City's 'Emergency Operations Center' opened, as planned, when Yolo Bypass topped 20 feet of water

The City of West Sacramento will discuss emergency preparedness information at the next meeting of community groups, scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 11 at the Civic Center. The meeting will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the first floor meeting room of the Galleria.

Topics for discussion include steps that citizens can take to set aside supplies for a short term emergency, how the city's Emergency Operations Center is organized and activated, and the general state of West Sacramento's flood protection. The city works closely with state and local reclamation districts to ensure that monitoring and maintenance of the levees is conducted.

Guest speakers include the city's Hazardous Materials Manager Bill Summers, who also coordinates activities of the Emergency Operations Center, and Reclamation District 900 Manager Ken Ruzich.

For more information, contact the city Parks and Recreation Department at (916) 617-4620.

In relation to last week's heavy storms, City of West Sacramento spokesperson Art Schroeder offered additional information:

■ The city activated its "emergency operations center" (EOC) at the local police department during the heavy rainfall.

"According to our slow-rise flood plan, when the Lisbon gauge -- which measures the water in the Yolo Bypass -- reaches 20 feet, we need to open the EOC. Initially, it was staffed by a very small staff, primarily of fire department officials. They helped monitor water levels and helped coordinate the response to individual items such as power outages, which occurred over the weekend when the high winds kicked in."

Schroeder said that if, as anticipated, the water level on the Bypass drops below 20 feet later this week, the EOC will again close. Only light rains are expected later this week.

■ The city has made sandbags available -- up to ten per household -- at the fire station at 3585 Jefferson Road in Southport and at the public

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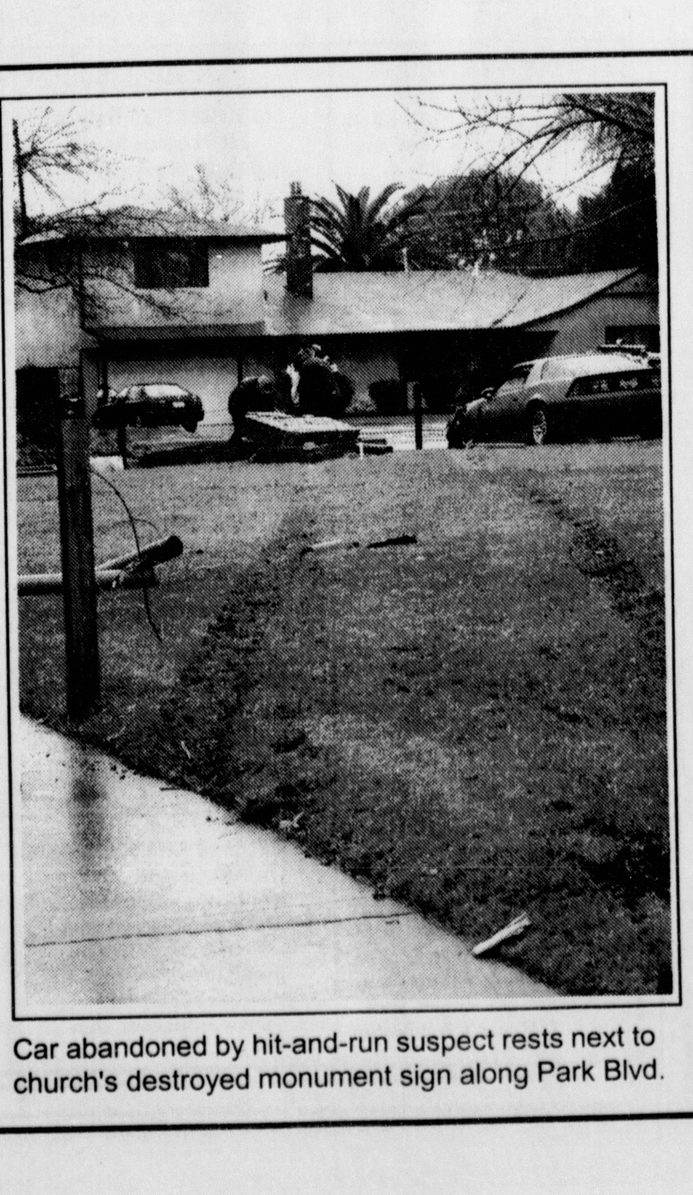
Hit & run

Police are looking for a hit-and-run suspect, after a single-car accident at Park Boulevard and Westacre Road occurred around 2 p.m. Monday. The car left took out fence posts and left tire tracks in the lawn along the Westacre side of Trinity Presbyterian Church, and then eliminated the brick monument sign that advertises the church's services and activities before coming to a rest.

"He was going too fast and failed to make the turn," said Officer Walter Abel of the West Sacramento Police Department. "Then he fled the scene."

The car is registered to a local woman, he added – and the driver is believed to be her son.

There is no indication that any other cars were involved in the incident, said Abel.



Car abandoned by hit-and-run suspect rests next to church's destroyed monument sign along Park Blvd.

VALDEZ MURDER CASE:

Three arrests in killing of 18-year old

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

West Sacramento police have charged one local man with murder and two others, including the suspect's brother, with being accessories to the crime, in the case of 18-year old Tina Valdez. She was found dead with stab wounds near a set of railroad tracks on Rice Avenue on December 22, and apparently had been dead for about 10 hours.

Murder suspect Robert Marin, 37, and his 33-year old brother, Rubin, were held on parole violations since December 23, after police interviewed them early in the investigation. They were found by police in front of Rubin Marin's residence on the 2300-block of West Capitol Avenue.

Rubin Marin and the third suspect, 42-year old Jerry Eugene Beaugez, have been charged with being an accessory to the crime. Beaugez was arrested on December 27 for being an accessory to the crime, and held on $100,000 bail. According to his arrest report, Beaugez has admitted to concealing or helping to move Valdez's body after the crime.

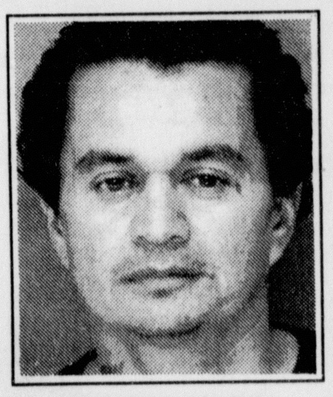
Robert Marin, charged with the actual murder, shared a Citrus Street home with Beaugez.

Sergeant Todd Sockman of the West Sacramento Police Department said both the Citrus Street home shared by Robert Marin and Beaugez and the 2355 West Capitol residence used by Rubin Marin have been searched. He declined to release detailed information on the ongoing investigation, and said there are still some questions about what happened to Valdez and why. He said that investigators are also trying to determine how Valdez knew the suspects, and whether she had stayed with any of them. Valdez was known to stay at several West Sacramento residences.

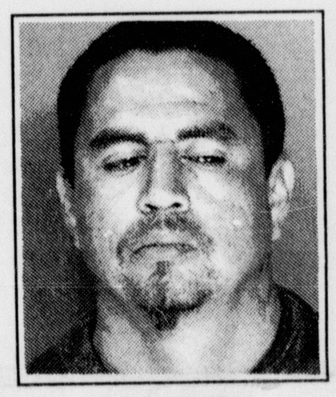
"We have enough probable cause to obtain the arrest warrants," said Sockman. "The detectives are still piecing together exactly what happened. We're not sure if she had a permanent residence with any of them or not."

Another question pondered by investigators is why Valdez's body was moved several feet, allegedly with the complicity of Rubin Marin and Beaugez, some time after the crime (allegedly committed by Robert Marin) took place. Police believe Valdez was killed just a short distance from the site where she was found, behind the back fence of a Rice Avenue business amid some short vegetation.

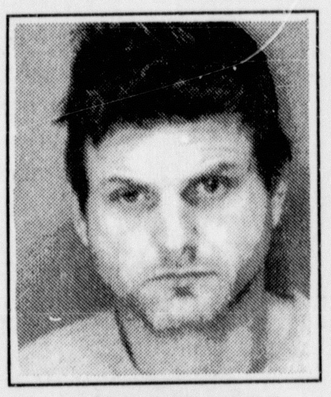
"We're only talking about (her being moved) a few feet," said Sockman. "The funny thing is we're not sure why the body was moved at all."



ROBERT MARIN
charged with murder



RUBIN MARIN
accused of being an 'accessory' to the crime



JERRY BEAUGEZ
accused of being an 'accessory' to the crime

And the motive for Valdez's killing "is the other thing they're still trying to piece together," he added.

Sockman said work by a team of six detectives combined with high-quality police work by patrol officers to zero in on the suspect early in the investigation.

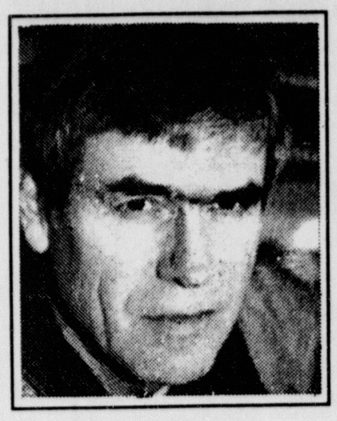
"The detectives worked hard, with long nights and everything else, and came up with that composite sketch (of the "person of interest" seen by a witness near the murder site) and other information. A patrol officer pieced this together from prior contact with the suspects. The patrol guy knew the name of the victim, looked at the sketch, and was able to identify (Robert Marin) from past contacts – he said, 'that's the guy.'"

"They drove to the area, and there was Robert," said Sockman. "The officer said this was a 'once in a career' moment."

The Marin brothers initially were held for parole violations, but since have been served with the murder-related charges.

So, how did you spend your New Year's Day?

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

As I write this, I'm kind of wondering how most West Sacramentans spent their New Year's Day? Did some of you sleep in a little longer than you might normally do because you were up really late partying the night before? Did you do some serious worrying about how high the water is getting around here or did you just sit back in your easy chair and watch some of the many football games that were on television? Did you invite family members over for a big fancy dinner? Did you go out to a movie and maybe see the newest version of King Kong like my youngest son did, only to come home disappointed with how long and boring it was (his exact words were, "That stupid beast was up on that building for a good 45 minutes!"). Or did you just sit around the house with family and friends and chat the day away? And if so, what did you talk about? Did you tell each other some of the New Year's resolutions you've made for 2006? Or maybe you just talked about some of your work or travel plans for the coming year? Or maybe you discussed politics, or religion, or sports, or any number of other fun and interesting subjects? Or, just maybe, like my wife and I and my daughter and her fiance did, you sat around the dinner table and somehow allowed the conversation to turn to the subject of where you want to be buried someday.

"First of all, "said Dallas, my daughter's fiance, "I don't want to be buried -- I want to be cremated and then have my ashes scattered."

"Me, too," I quickly agreed. "I mean, I sure don't want people to have to come to my grave all the time with expensive flowers and spend hours cleaning up the place."

"And you think people are going to be lined up wanting to do that, do you?" asked my daughter with a wicked little smile she inherited from her mother.

"And I know exactly where I want my ashes scattered," quickly added Dallas.

"Where?" I asked with interest.

"Yankee Stadium -- right out there beyond the center field fence where they have all those monuments of all the great Yankee players."

"You mean Yankee Stadium in New York City?" asked my daughter, smiling again.

"That's right," said Dallas, who has always been a big Yankee fan. "I want to be right out there with Babe Ruth and Joe DiMaggio and Lou Gehrig and all the other Yankee immortals."

"Well," I said, "I'm pretty sure they have guards there that won't look too kindly on people scattering human ashes all over the darn place."

"But they wouldn't even have to know," cleverly explained Dallas. "Someone could just put my ashes in the leg pockets of their pants just like that guy did who was trying to escape from prison in `*Shawshank Redemption*'. He just put the dirt from the tunnel he was digging in his pants legs and then slowly strolled around the exercise area shaking it out until it was all gone."

"Earth to Dallas," interjected my daughter. "Just so there won't be any misunderstanding, should you die before I do, I will not be flying back to New York City to scatter your ashes at Yankee Stadium!"

"So how about you, Carrie?" I asked my daughter. "Where do you want your earthly remains to spend eternity."

"Oh, that's simple," she said. "All I want is to have my ashes tossed off the Golden Gate Bridge on a bright sunny day. You know how much I love San Francisco Bay."

"And just how in the world am I supposed to do that?" asked Dallas. "You know, they've got guards crawling all over the Golden Gate Bridge now looking for terrorists who might be trying to blow it up. And what would be more suspicious-looking than someone strolling across the darn thing with a big black box in his hands? Nope, if you want your ashes scattered off the Golden Gate Bridge, I'll have to do it while I'm driving across it."

"And exactly what does that mean?" demanded my daughter. "You're just going to start taking handfuls of my ashes out of the container and toss them out your car window?"

"Why not?" asked Dallas. "And I bet on a windy day most of them will end up in San Francisco Bay, too."

Then came my turn. "Well," I said, "I think I want my ashes scattered around one of those giant old redwood trees that live forever. Now that's what I call a grave marker! And they're pretty easy to find. You just get in a car and head north."

"For a good five hours on winding roads," interjected my wife, never having been one who much enjoys long car drives.

"And how about you, Mary?" I asked my wife. "Do you have any special requests on where you would like to be buried?"

"Nope," she said matter-of-factly, "I don't think I'm really going to care too much one way or the other -- because I'll be dead. So just feel free to do with me whatever you want."

"But you must have some preference," I said.

"Well, I guess I would like the people at the funeral home to use lots and lots of makeup because it's going to have to last forever."

"So," I said, my feelings a little hurt, "I take it then that you don't particularly want to be buried or scattered next to me so we could spend eternity together?"

After taking a few seconds to apparently reflect back on 30-plus years of being married to me she finally replied, "Well, it's already been an eternity, hasn't it?"

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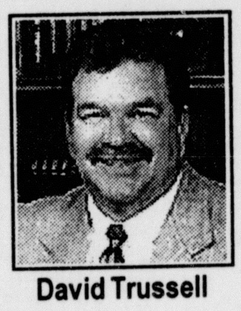
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David Trussell

Ask any seasoned Realtor and they will all say the same thing: "A well priced home will always sell faster than an overpriced home!"

However during the last few years or so that phrase seemed to be somewhat skewed and homes appeared like they were selling for more and faster. In some cases this was true, but what about now? It appears that interest rates are creeping up, adjustable rates are moving, and prices seem to be coming down. I am asked this all the time, "should I just wait until prices go back up", or the best one is "I can't afford to sell because I bought the home with 100% financing, interest only loans". Only you can determine if selling is right for you, but there is really no "RIGHT" time to sell. We all have war stories about something we should have made money on but didn't because of the market, or conversely we have stories that give us bragging rights when we seemed to hit the market just right and made money.

Homes are purchased for many reasons; to raise a family, for a bank, for an investment, for retirement and the list goes on. If you need to sell you home for what ever reason it is important to know your market, what homes will be used for pricing your property, making sure you become educated in the market you are trying to sell in. Understanding the differences between your home and others and determining what separates your home from the other. What motivations are there to sell? Where will you go next? There is a list of questions that your Realtor will be asking you to get an understanding as to how to appropriately market your home at the suggested asking price. Overpriced listings will sell other listings faster!

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"California: A History" by Kevin Starr.

"The Insomnia Solution: The Natural, Drug-Free Way to a Good Night's Sleep" by Michael Krugman.

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'ACROSS THE BRIDGE':

Events around the West Sacramento region

D.A.R. meeting

The Sacramento Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its January meeting on the 9th of January at the Sacramento

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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

Happy New Year sports fans it's time to make your New Year resolutions. Hopefully, 2006 will bring you and your favorite sports teams a new perspective on their health, welfare and a new positive team attitude.

The Raiders, 49ers, Giants, A's, Kings, Warriors, Sharks, River Cats, and even the new professional indoor soccer club in Stockton (Cougars) will be hoping the new year changes their luck, preferably to good luck. The Cougars (0-11), who are still looking for their first win of their inaugural season, could use some good luck especially after playing their first 7 games on the road.

The New Year will also change the coaching staffs of many NFL teams. As of Tuesday seven head coaches were fired and Norv Turner cleaned out his desk in Oakland and Herm Edwards will be catching a jet out of New York. Isn't kind of funny that every team in the top 7 positions of the draft will be looking for a new leader in 2006 except for 49ers coach Nolan and Titans coach Fisher, who were expected to have a losing season.

While were on the subject of new changes in sports how about he San Francisco Giants adding more depth to their ancient lineup by signing 41-year outfielder Steve Finley to play along side 40 year-old Moises Alou and 41-year-old Barry Bonds. The Gigantes will field the oldest team in baseball so look for their team physical trainer or team doctor being voted team MVP.

Kings Korner

Speaking of the doctor, the Sacramento Kings will be thinking about their health and well being especially for the quick return of Bonzi Wells (groin), Shareef Abdur-Rahim (broken jaw), and Peja Stojakovic (everything). The Kings will miss Shareef, who was leading the NBA in field goal percentage (.551), for about a three weeks with fractured jaw. Wells, who pulled his groin muscle and should return to the line up in late January or early February.

Peja will return to the starting line-up on Tuesday against the 76ers but everybody will be holding his or her breath that the injury pledged forward can stay healthy. Look for the Philly Three (Thomas, Skinner and Williamson) to finally get their minutes on the court. Kenny Thomas, who scored 29 points last week, had a hard time scoring from the bench. Also, Corliss and Brian added some muscle and rebounding under the board to lead the Kings to back-to-back wins.

Now, if rookie gunner, Francisco Garcia, can find the bottom of the basket like Kevin Martin the Kings will slowing start closing the 6 game gap on the first place Suns (19-11). The Kings and Suns will play on Jan. 17th at the Arco.

The Kings (12-17) will host the Chris Webber and his little buddy Allen Iverson on Tuesday as they prepare for a tough week at home. The Los Angeles Clippers will sail into Sacramento on Friday night (7 p.m.-CSN) followed by Indiana (6 p.m.-CSN) on Sunday.

NFL Playoffs

The 49ers and Raiders both missed the playoffs and both finished the season 4-12 and tied for sixth place in the April NFL draft. The 49ers just had to win the Bush Bowl last Sunday against Houston and ruin their chance at the No. 1 pick. What was the Raiders excuse for winning only four games! The Texans won the rights to the No. 1 pick after their kicker conveniently missed a 31-yard field goal late in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime.

Alex Smith, who finally threw his first NFL touchdown, drove the 49ers down to field so that Joe Nedney could kick the Niners down the ladder in the draft pool. That game winning field goal put the Niners and Raiders into a tie for the sixth pick in the draft. A coin flip in February will determine in who will select sixth or seventh after the Saints, Titans, Jets and Packers. The good news for the 49ers is that their undefeated in 2006!

The playoffs are going to be very competitive in 2006 with anyone of the wild teams being capable of knocking off the top seeded teams. In the NFC the Seahawks and Bears earned a home game and first round bye, as did the Colts and Broncos in the AFC. The playoffs will kick off next Saturday and Sunday and end in the Super Bowl on Feb. 5th in Detroit.

Aztec's Picks

Aztec had a rough week picking his college bowl games winning only one game while losing four including the two upset losses to his cousins, the Bulldogs (Georgia/Fresno). I should have known my dog doesn't know how to bowl but his 2 NFL picks were winners bringing his season total to 44 wins, 31 losses and 2 ties.

Aztec still likes USC (-7) over Texas to win the National Title but who does the Dawg like in the NFL playoffs? The road to Super Bowl XL begins on Saturday and Sunday with four wild cards.

In the NFC on Saturday (1:30-ch.10) Washington (+3) will upset the Bucs in Tampa Bay while Patriots (-7) will freeze out Jacksonville from the playoffs in New England (5 p.m-ch.10).

On Sunday (10 a.m.-FOX) the Panthers (+3) plus the points looks good against the inexperienced Eli Manning and his Giants while down in Cincinnati (+3) the Steelers are favored over the Bengals (1:30-ch.13). The Dawg likes to chase the big yellow bus so take Pittsburgh, who is on a roll, its Big Ben and the Bus over the Carson Palmer and Chad Johnson show.

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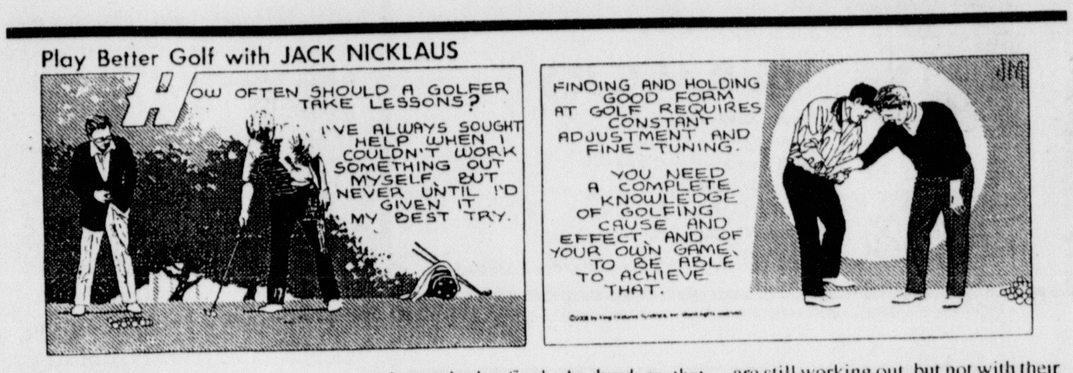
Opportunities multiply as they are seized.
—Sun Tzu

Boxing News

Promoter Don Chargin is ringing in the New Year on Thursday, January 4 at the Arco Arena with the 2004 Olympian, Vicente Escobedo (7-0) of Woodland facing Jefferson Rodriguez (20-7) of Miami. Escobedo's scheduled eight rounder against Rodriguez, who has 19 KO's, is the main event that will also feature West Sacramento heavyweight, Eric Martinez (1-0) in a four round preliminary bout.

Mark Feb. 4th on your boxing calendar because this is when Sacramento's Diego Corrales and Jose Luis Castillo will fight of the third time. The 12 round bout is set for El Paso, Texas but this time it will be for both of Corrales WBC-WBO lightweight titles, that is if Castillo can make the weight. In their last bout Castillo destroyed Corrales but Jose Luis couldn't make the weight so Corrales retained his titles.

Enjoy your day – see ya next week!



A Sporting View by Chris Richcreek

Classic Baseball

Who's excited about March's World Baseball Classic?

Make no mistake about it, Bud Selig is. This event is the baseball commissioner's pride and joy. After all, teams representing 16 countries are expected to battle for the title of world's best. And with baseball being taken off the Olympic slate after 2008, there is likely no better international event to showcase the sport's stars.

The nations represented include Australia, Canada, China, Japan and possibly Cuba, depending on how the bureaucratic wrangling plays out. In reality, real baseball fans want a Cuban national team there, to see how it would match up with the other nations. They also want to see how nations like Japan will do.

In the Classic, four four-team pools will play round-robin games, with the top two teams in each pool advancing to another round-robin level. That will be followed by a four-team semifinal and a one-game championship.

On the surface, this all looks great. Below the surface, there are concerns.

For starters, those U.S. fans with a nationalistic bent who already think that America is great at everything might have to swallow a bitter pill. Yes, most of the best players are in the major leagues, but they aren't all playing for the U.S. squad.

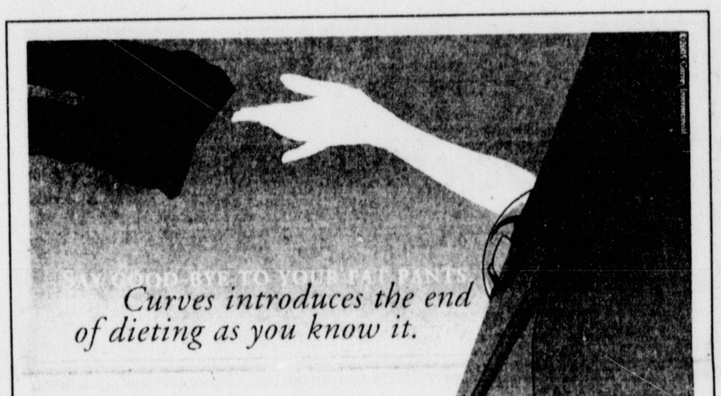
The early list of players committed to taking part points to a strong U.S. team, but also a powerful Dominican Republic squad, and lots of talent for Puerto Rico and Venezuela. It could end up that the American squad doesn't reach the final. As hard as that might be to take for those die-hard fans, just imagine how they would react if a true Cuban national team won it all.

Beyond who wins and loses, there is the injury factor. No fan of a major-league team wants to see his or her favorite star get injured during the Classic and miss part or all of the 2006 season. If that were to happen, a lot of the positive reaction to the Classic will escape faster than helium from an aging balloon.

Fans also can't help but notice that the Classic players will miss a chunk of spring training. Sure, those players are still working out, but not with their respective teams. And let's hope the players are in ready-to-go shape to begin with, because there will be little time at the Classic to work on the spring-training kinks.

Still, it's hard to argue against March being the right time for the World Baseball Classic. And once the event begins, the excitement will be real and deserved.

Excitement won't be the only emotion, though. Just below the surface, other feelings will lie in wait, and any ripples from those undercurrents will determine the ultimate success of the World Baseball Classic.



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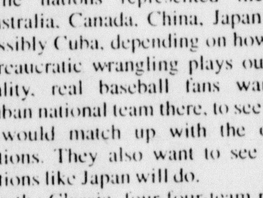
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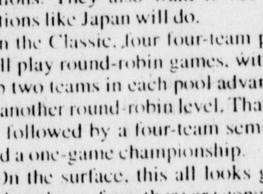
Sports QUIZ by Chris Richcreek

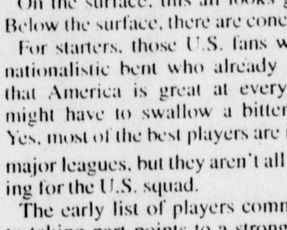
1. Three major-league pitchers have accomplished the feat of notching 100 victories and 100 saves for one team. Name two of the pitchers.
2. Name the last pitcher to lead the American League in wins for a season and throw at least one shutout during that season.
3. Who holds the NCAA record for most consecutive games catching a pass?
4. Charlotte Bobcats rookie Emeka Okafor recorded 19 consecutive double-doubles last season. Who holds the rookie record?
5. True or false: The last hockey player to be named The Associated Press' Male Athlete of the Year was actually the U.S. Olympic hockey squad in 1980.
6. Name the three U.S.-born players who have won Major League Soccer's regular-season Most Valuable Player award.
7. Which event has a bigger purse — the Breeders' Cup Classic or the Kentucky Derby?

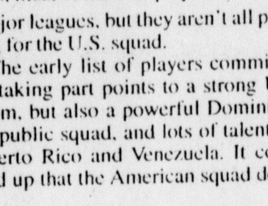
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Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Boulevard. The meeting will start at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. The program will be Awards to D.A.R. Good Citizens. For more information call 488-4189.

West Sac Day at Crocker Art Museum

Special events at Sacramento's Crocker Art Museum in January include West Sacramento Family Day (January 8th) when residents of West Sacramento will receive free admission to the Museum all day. Bring a photo ID or postmarked piece of mail with your West Sacramento mailing address. All visitors can enjoy family tours and gallery activities throughout the day including Family Day Puppet Theatre activities. West Sacramento Family Day is sponsored by Neighbors Fair and Richland Communities.

The Crocker is located at 216 O Street in downtown Sacramento. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is normally $6 for adults, $4 for seniors, and $3 for students.

Volunteers needed

Suicide Prevention will begin crisis line volunteer training on January 17th for their 24-hour crisis lines. From their Davis crisis center, volunteers provide telephone intervention to adults, teens, and families in need. Some of the requirements are that volunteers need to be at least 20 years of age, plan to be in the Yolo County area for the coming year, can allocate 4 hours a week to the crisis line and have an interest in helping people in crisis. Individuals with bilingual skills in Spanish are especially encouraged to consider this volunteer opportunity.

For interview schedules and additional information, or to obtain an application packet, please call 530-756-7542.

CCC hiring sessions

The California Conservation Corps is currently holding weekly Sacramento information sessions for young people interested in joining the outdoor program. The sessions are each Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the CCC's Sacramento headquarters, 1719 24th Street. Parents are also welcome to attend.

The Corps hires young people between the ages of 18 and 25 for a year of natural resource work and emergency response. Corps members build parks and trails, plant trees, improve wildlife habitat and respond to floods and fires. Interested applicants should bring a photo ID and Social Security card or birth certificate. For more information, call 341-3266.

Wildlife tours

The Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge will be giving free docent guided walks beginning at 7:30 in the morning on January 14, 15, and 28. The January 15 date will be a birding tour to parts of the refuge normally closed. RSVP is required (775-4421).

To reach the refuge trail head, take Interstate 5 to the Elk Grove Boulevard exist, turn west, and park; the refuge trail head is adjacent to the highway.

Down syndrome information

The Down Syndrome Information Alliance Education Series features programs on the first Tuesday of each month with the hope of improving the knowledge of individuals and families affected by Down syndrome. Experts in education, advocacy, health care, etc., make presentations and a free light dinner and childcare is provided. The Down Syndrome Information Alliance meets at the Sutter Cancer Center, 2800 L Street in Sacramento. For more information, call 658-1686 or visit www.downsyndromeinfo.org.

Monthly car sell and swap

On the first Saturday of every month, the Towe Auto Museum holds their monthly car sell and swap. Car-for-sale space is $15. The museum is located at 2200 Front Street (just off Broadway) in Sacramento. For more information, call 442-6802.

Alzheimer's society meets

The Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California Support Group for the Memory Impaired will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in January at 10:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Aid Society Office, 2641 Cottage Way, Suite #4 in Sacramento. For more information on other related groups and meetings, call 448-7001.

Widowed persons meet

The Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support get-togethers each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Widowed Persons Association office, located at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

Activities include bowling, brown bag opera, needle and thread, breakfasts, dinners, golf, card games, dancing and traveling. Call 972-9722.

James Wolf graduates from USAF basic training

Air Force Airman James R. Wolf has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During his six weeks of training, Wolf studied the Air Force Mission and military customs, performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical, rifle, and field training. He also earned credits towards an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Wolf is the brother of Melissa Wolf of West Sacramento and a 2004 graduate of Yolo High School.

FLOOD from front page

works department, 1951 South Road. The sandbags are intended to help property owners who have localized flooding problems. For more information, call 617-4850.

Schroeder said the supply of sand and bags is being replenished after initially running out, and said only those who need bags should ask for them.

■ Local motorists created some risks during the past week, as they drove on levee roads being patrolled by flood crews or ignored some road barricades placed by city workers.

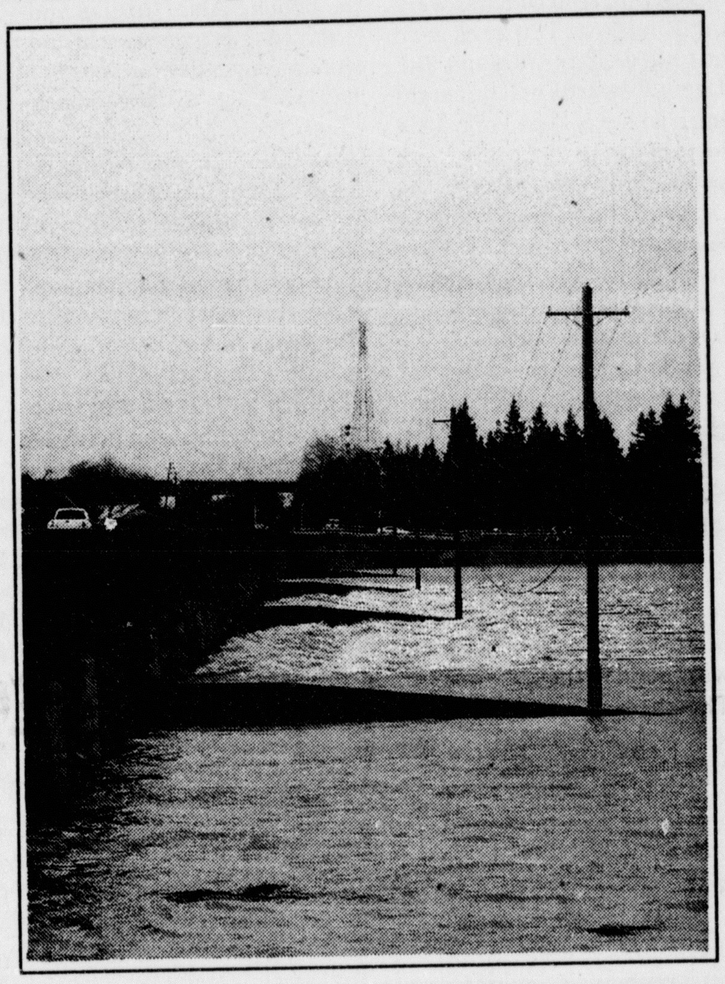
"I just got word that South River Road will remain closed through Thursday from the barge canal to Gregory Avenue. That doesn't apply to local residents."

The road will be used by truck traffic for repair work. Schroeder said that some motorists "out of curiosity" also drove along the road in recent days to view the river, endangering levee patrol workers.

"South River Road is a big concern," said Schroeder. "We've run into a traffic problem. Some of it is due to (motorists') curiosity, and some is due to people driving very fast."

Also, said Schroeder, some residents ignored or even moved road barricades set up during the rainstorms.

"The public in some cases has seen the barricades, but seen that there is no flooding on the roads Absent the flooding situation, they have ignored the barricades. But the barricades are not only for flood protection, but also to protect people from fallen electrical lines. We had about five cases of fallen electrical lines -- when you see a barrier, respect it, and avoid proceeding further."



ON SATURDAY, officials opened the gates to the Sacramento Weir north of West Sacramento, relieving the Sacramento River and sending waters into storage on the Yolo Bypass, to the city's west



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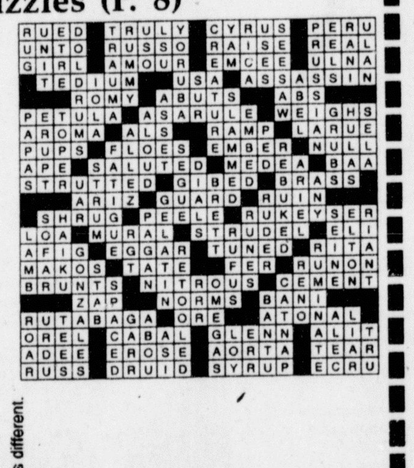
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— Rational Numbers —
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Differences: 1. Fence is shorter. 2. Scarf is shorter. 3. Cap is different. 4. Collar is different. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Window is smaller.

Answers

1. Elroy Face of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Bob Stanley of the Boston Red Sox and John Smoltz of the Atlanta Braves.
2. Roy Halladay was 22-7 for Toronto in 2003 and tossed two shutouts.
3. Michael Larkin of the University of Miami (Ohio) with 50.
4. Elvin Hayes had 60 consecutive double-doubles for the San Diego Rockets in 1968-69.
5. False. Wayne Gretzky got the honor in 1982.
6. Jason Kreis (1999), Tony Meola (2000) and Taylor Twellman (2005).
7. The Classic purse pays $4 million, the Kentucky Derby $2 million.

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Good Housekeeping

Steamed Broccoli With Buttery Herb Crumbs

Bags of broccoli flowerets make prep time a snap for this tasty side dish.

PREP: 10 minutes
COOK: about 15 minutes
MAKES: 8 accompaniment servings

- *1 lemon*
- *3 tablespoons margarine or butter*
- *4 slices bread, torn into 3/8-inch pieces*
- *1 garlic clove, crushed with garlic press*
- *1/4 cup packed fresh parsley leaves, chopped*
- *2 bags (12 ounces each) fresh broccoli flowerets*
- *1/4 teaspoon salt*
- *1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper*

1. From lemon, grate 1 teaspoon peel, and squeeze 2 tablespoons juice.
2. In 12-inch skillet, melt 2 tablespoons margarine over medium heat. Add bread and cook until golden, about 8 minutes, stirring often. Stir in garlic, parsley and lemon peel; cook 30 seconds. Remove skillet from heat.
3. Meanwhile, add about 3/4-inch water to wide-bottomed 5- to 6-quart saucepot. Place collapsible steamer basket (about 11 inches in diameter) in saucepot; heat water to boiling over high heat. Add broccoli to steamer basket; cover and steam 5 to 6 minutes or until tender-crisp.
4. Transfer broccoli to serving bowl; toss with salt, pepper, lemon juice and remaining 1 tablespoon margarine. Sprinkle crumbs on top.

• Each serving: About 95 calories, 4 g protein, 11 g carbohydrate, 5 g total fat (1 g saturated), 3 g fiber, 0 mg cholesterol, 220 mg sodium.

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Bourbon-Glazed Baby Carrots

You can whip up this tasty side dish in no time with packaged peeled and washed baby carrots.

PREP: 5 minutes
COOK: about 20 minutes
MAKES: 8 accompaniment servings

- *2 bags (16 ounces each) peeled baby carrots*
- *1/4 cup sugar*
- *2 tablespoons margarine or butter*
- *1/2 teaspoon salt*
- *1 tablespoon bourbon*

1. In 12-inch skillet, heat carrots and 1 cup water to boiling over high heat. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 10 minutes or until carrots are tender-crisp. Drain; return to skillet.
2. Meanwhile, in 1-quart saucepan, cook sugar, margarine and salt over medium-high heat 4 to 5 minutes or until sugar and margarine melt and turn golden, stirring frequently.
3. Add mixture to carrots in skillet; stir in bourbon (sugar mixture will harden). Cook over medium-high heat 7 to 10 minutes or until sugar mixture melts, carrots are tender and glazed, and liquid evaporates, stirring.

• Each serving: About 95 calories, 1 g protein, 15 g carbohydrate, 3 g total fat (1 g saturated), 2 g fiber, 0 mg cholesterol, 225 mg sodium.

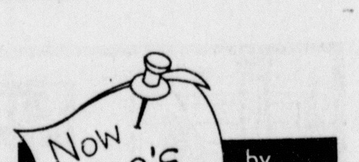
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• "I have many pieces of inherited furniture, and I keep a photo album with photos and the family history of each piece. It has helped date some of the pieces that I have sold, and it will come in very handy when it is time for me to pass them on." — P.S. in Virginia

• "I keep my lotions and sprays tidy on my vanity by corralling them in a small wooden box that is meant to be a window box for plants. I painted it to match the décor in my bathroom, and it looks nice and neat." — F.J. in Florida

• When making cookies, try lining the baking sheet with aluminum foil. When the cookies are done, you can just lift the foil and cookies together off the baking sheet to cool, and the pan doesn't need to be washed.

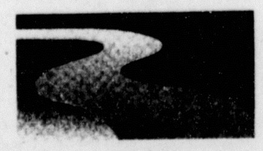
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Police log

Dec. 26, 10:12 p.m.

A 36-year old Southport man, during an argument with his soon-to-be-ex wife, threatened to kill her and then hide in Mexico. He was arrested for the threat.

Dec. 27, 5:28 p.m.

Police caught up with a 28-year old man riding in a stolen golf cart along Ramco Road. The man got out of the cart and began walking away from officers trying to contact him. He walked towards some police while carrying a knife, and refusing commands to "get on the ground." Officers used a Taser on the suspect and arrested him. The suspect was identified by three witnesses as the suspect in a robbery. He appeared to be under the influence of a narcotic, and admitted smoking a "40 sack" of methamphetamine two days earlier.

Dec. 28, 2 p.m.

An officer contacted a 46-year old man near Duluth and Houston streets. The man was on searchable probation. A search turned up two baggies of crystals that turned out to be methamphetamines. The man was booked.

Dec. 28, 2:49 a.m.

Police saw a Sacramento man driving in West Sacramento, losing control and striking a center median. He then sped away, but was pulled over. The man appeared drunk and was arrested.

Dec. 29, 12:10 a.m.

Near Allan Avenue, police saw three men trying to break into a vehicle. The three – two from Sacramento and one from Nichols Court in West Sacramento – were arrested. Other stolen property was found in their possession. The three were 20-21 years old.

Dec. 30, 6:17 a.m.

On Tahoe Street, police were asked to locate the sister of a woman in a "life and death" situation at a Sacramento hospital.

Dec. 30, 6:55 a.m.

A motorcycle was reported stolen from Savannah Lane during the night.

Dec. 30, 8:19 a.m.

A vehicle was reported burglarized during the night at a parking lot on the 2400-block of West Capitol Avenue. Someone pried open the driver's side window and took a car stereo, damaging the dashboard area.

Dec. 30, 10:01 a.m.

A north-area girl translated a report to police by her parents, telling an officer that her brothers, age 13 and 15, were missing since the prior night at 10 p.m.

Dec. 30, 10:02 a.m.

A 14-foot rental truck was reported stolen from a West Capitol Avenue business during the early morning hours.

Dec. 30, 11:07 a.m.

A Maple Street resident told police that about 30 minutes earlier, two unknown suspects entered her house without permission, demanding, "give me $5,000," and saying the woman had six hours to come up with the money or he would come back and kill her. The suspect attempted to take her wedding ring and a gold chain, and the victim said a suspect chased her to a Sacramento Avenue business where she got away from the pair.

Dec. 30, 1:18 p.m.

On Aleutian Island Street, someone broke into a car and tried to steal a radio.

Dec. 30, 10:19 p.m.

A West Capitol Avenue business reported that its delivery driver just delivered a pizza, but the driver found out he was paid with a counterfeit $50 bill. The driver tried to re-contact the customer, who wouldn't answer the door. Police help was requested.

Dec. 31, 4:11 a.m.

A man told police he interrupted the burglary of his work truck, parked on Solomon Island Road. The man saw two thieves trying to break into the vehicle, and reported that they fled in a "jacked up" pickup truck with no license plates down Oakland Bay Road.

Dec. 31, 7:53 a.m.

A 1994 Ford F350 pickup truck was stolen during the night from Sharon Court.

Dec. 31, 9:49 a.m.

Employees at a supermarket banking center in West Sacramento said a gray-haired man, possibly a transient, had left a note with them containing his cell phone number and saying "he wants his money." The demand note asked for "8 billion dollars" and said this was "not a game," and that he'd be back later to collect. The man was no longer in the store.

Dec. 31, 10:07 a.m.

A Toyota Camry was reported stolen from an Evergreen Circle parking lot during the night.

Dec. 31, 1:54 p.m.

An alarm was reported at the Club West teen center, site of several recent vandalism and burglary incidents.

Jan. 1, 12:20 a.m.

Police saw a 34-year old man setting off fireworks near a vehicle at 5th and C streets. The man was in violation of a curfew imposed by an anti-gang injunction, and was arrested and booked.

Jan. 1, 6:28 p.m.

An Oakmont Street man was arrested for domestic violence charges after allegedly punching his live-in girlfriend.

Jan. 1, 10:15 p.m.

An officer contacted a 20-year old West Sacramento man in front of a Sacramento Avenue residence after a fight was reported there. The man had lacerations on his knuckles and head, and was deemed too drunk to care for himself. He received treatment from ambulance personnel and then was booked. A 24-year old man, also with lacerations, was also arrested for public drunkenness.

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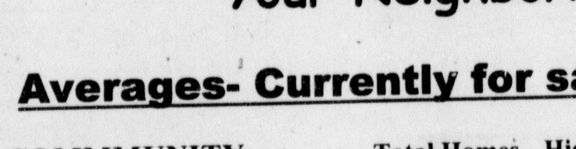
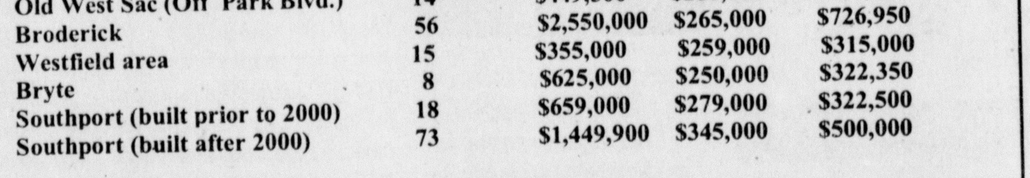
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The recently-established Project Area Committee (PAC) for the West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency will continue to meet in order to review, discuss and make recommendations on the potential amendments to the Redevelopment Plan. The Agency is currently considering amending the plan to increase the tax increment collection cap, increase Agency bonding capacity, re-instate Agency eminent domain authority, and refine the list of capital improvements. Please note the following scheduled dates for meetings of the PAC. All meetings are planned for 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center at 1110 West Capitol Avenue in the Galleria (1st floor). The meeting schedule and overall schedule is proposed and is subject to modification as necessary.

Monday, Jan. 23, 2006 - Continued review of amendment-related items

Monday, Feb. 13, 2006 - PAC recommendation on the proposed amendment

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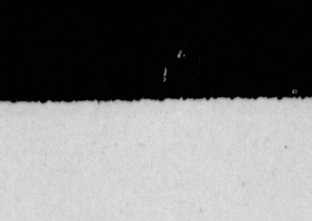
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Letters to the Editor

Intelligent design

Re: A couple of "wishes" in your "Year Editorial". As a newspaper of some standing and experience, I'm certain you'd agree on the efficacy of teaching students the overarching tenet of good journalism, in any and all of their classes. The six questions -- who, what, where, how, when and why -- are doors of inquiry into any subject, from arithmetic to zoology, art to Zen. The only question, dear editor, you seem disinclined to allow young, inquiring minds to ask is -- why?

I, too, unfortunately, am amongst the overwhelming majority of mathematically impaired citizens of this country. However, even I've noticed quite a buzz amongst mathematicians who look into the disciplines of fractal geometry and String Theory. Even Dr. Hawkins seems to have changed his mind on the question of "Is intelligent design the "why" of the universe?". Is the fact that there is some question on the matter to be kept from all but doctoral candidates? Are they all too young to wonder (and research) if there's an immeasurable power greater than themselves in the universe? Ever notice the warm, fuzzy feeling even secularists get when someone says, "May the Force be with you."?

To me, this has a much wider scope than just religion/ethics in public schools. Have you noticed the sudden rash of classes in ethics and morality in both the business and public worlds? From fiance to foundations, research to reading, and politics to publishing, there have been a number of cases of breach of conduct brought to light recently that seem to cry out for a reevaluation of what we do, and don't, teach our children in school. It is all too easy for professional educators (and pundits) to cry, "They should learn religion/ethics only in the home". If true, then why, as of yesterday, is it now illegal for your 14-year old daughter to get a body piercing without your permission, but without your permission, she can still get an abortion with her school's help? "May the Force...."

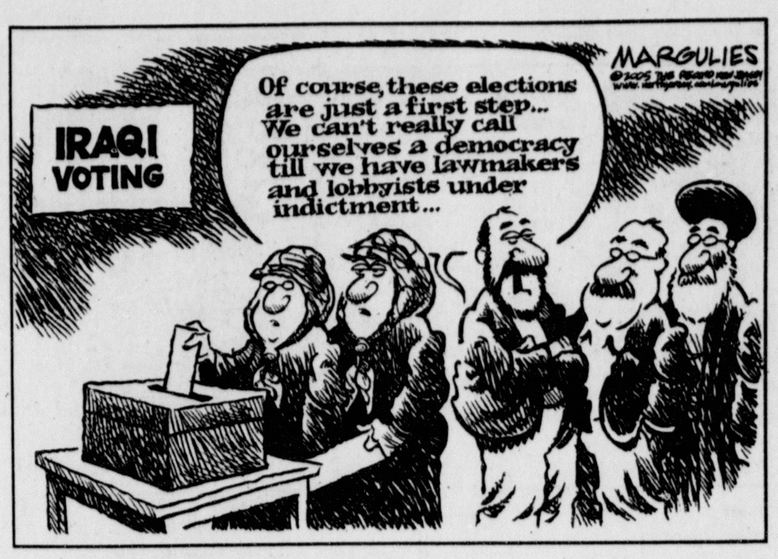
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Pro-life or pro-death?

President Bush is "pro-life" on the abortion issue. But he is clearly "pro-death" in opposing life saving stem cell research, cutting Medicare benefits, resisting expanded health insurance coverage, ignoring 35 million Americans below the poverty level, opposing stronger gun control laws, weakening endangered species laws, overlooking thousands of annual global warming related deaths, and in not promoting greater penalties for cigarette companies. He was further pro-death in a slow response to hurricane Katrina.

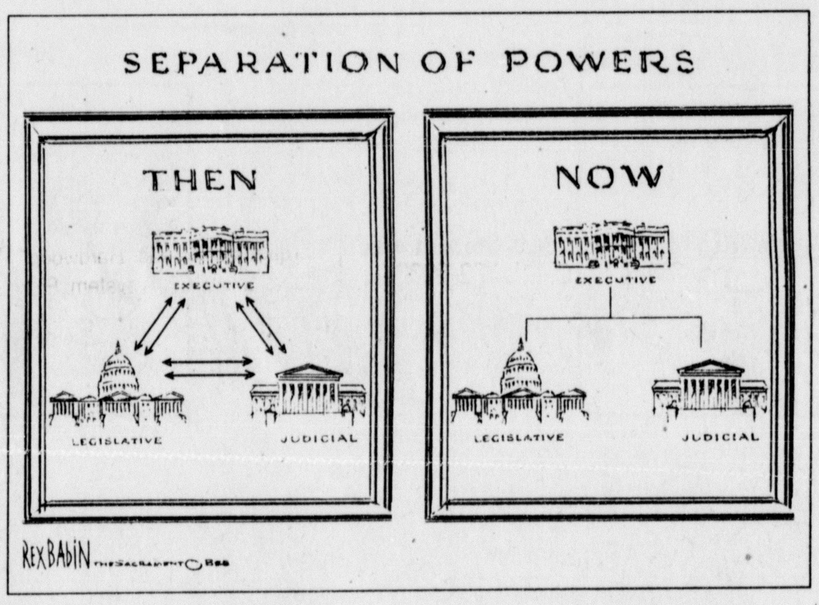
Globally, about a million persons die monthly from malnutrition or lack of clean water. Many of these lives could be saved for literally a few cents per day. With no real effort to save these lives, President Bush in not only pro-death but also pro-famine. How can so many millions of Americans be so deceived by all these positions of this pro-death president?

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 14, 2005
File No. 2005-1312

The following person is doing business as The Drake, 1080 Olive Dr., Davis CA 95616:

Julian R. Youmans, 44124 Greenview Dr., El Macero CA 95618.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 14, 2005.

/sJulian R. Youmans.

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The following person is doing business as Anderson Court, 1080 Olive Dr., Davis CA 95616:

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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The following person is doing business as Hayes Feed & Supply, 236 West Main Street, Woodland CA 95695:

Marcia Hayes, 809 W. Southwood, Woodland CA 95695.

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1996.

/s/Marcia Hayes

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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The following person is doing business as Fernandez Barragan & Associates, 2568 Industrial Blvd., Suite 105, West Sacramento CA 95691; mailing: PO Box 911, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Jesus Fernandez, Jr., 3338 Malcolm Island St., West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1990. Previous fictitious business name number 2000-906.

/s/Jesus Fernandez, Jr.

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INVITATION TO BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Department of Community Development, located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California until **2:00** local time on **February 15, 2006**, furnishing all labor, material, tax, transportation, equipment, and services necessary for the:

Fire Stations 41 and 45 Projects

Bids will be opened and tabulated by or on behalf of the Director of Community Development at the Director's office immediately after 2:00 o'clock, p.m., on said February 15, 2006. Any bids received after the time specified shall be returned unopened.

Hand delivered bids on the day of the bid opening shall be made to Community Development Department, 2nd Floor, at the address set forth above. Mailed bids must be received by the City prior to the hour and date of the bid opening and shall be addressed to Stephen M. Patek, Director of Community Development.

Description of Work

The proposed work shall be performed in accordance with the plans, specifications and other contract documents and shall consist of the following:

Station 41 Firehouse is located at **132 15th St. in West Sacramento**. The new Firehouse will be four thousand square foot (4,000 S.F.) two-story building that will house up to seven (7) fire personnel and two administrative personnel. Adjacent to the new station is an existing three bay apparatus room and mechanics garage which houses 3 apparatus or engines and trucks.

Station 41 is a traditional design, reflecting the form of the Station as it was built by the by the Westgate Fire Protection District in 1939. Exterior Materials include traditional 3 coat stucco accented with a horizontal shiplap siding wainscot. The structure is steel frame with infill wall panels of steel studs and drywall. Steel framed windows, with the existing apparatus doors painted a Firehouse Red to complement the design. The roof is a standing seam metal roof system with integral skylights.

The existing apparatus bay will be maintained and become part of the new fire house. The site acreage is .337 acres with .096 acres of new parking across the street.

Station 45 Firehouse is to be located at **2040 Lake Washington Blvd. in West Sacramento**. The new Firehouse will be twenty seven thousand square foot (27,000 S.F.) two-story building that will house up to twenty-six (26) fire personnel and two administrative police personnel. The station will contain a four bay apparatus room (drive through) to house 6 apparatus or engines and trucks.

Station 45 is a contemporary design, outlining the functional forms of the Station and reflecting the clean lines of the adjacent Shopping Center. Exterior Materials include Split Face Concrete Masonry Units accented with Clay Brick Accent Bands. The Masonry frames the infill wall panels of Cement Plaster. A Corrugated Metal Siding creates the round forms of the Mechanical Screens on the Second floor and Roof Areas. The Rectilinear and Round forms are accentuated with a Stainless Steel Deck supporting the Flagpoles. Aluminum Storefront and Windows, and the Apparatus Doors are painted a Firehouse Red to complement the design. The roof, which is not visible, is a Modified Bituminous Roofing System, to meet the City's standards.

The parking will consist of 32 standard stalls with 2 van & HC accessible stalls for a total of 34.

Fire staff at the station will consist of 8 fire fighters, 2 police personnel and 6 administrative staff for a total at move-in of 16. The staffing for the fire fighting personnel will increase in the future by a total of 12. The total personnel will be 28.

The general contractor will build each project simultaneously with independent crews and an independent and separate project superintendent and foreman assigned for each Fire Station. The project superintendent, foreman and critical path schedules for both Fire Station 41 and Fire Station 45 will remain independent for the duration of the contract periods for both projects.

Obtaining Contract Documents

Plans, specifications and other contract documents may be examined and/or obtained at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, California. A copy of bid documents may be obtained at the office upon request and payment of **$50.00**. The amount of the payment is non-refundable.

Non-Mandatory Site Walkthrough

Contractors have the option to attend a non mandatory site walkthrough in the following time and date:

Tuesday January 10, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

First walkthrough meeting will be at Fire Station 41 site at 132 15th St. in West Sacramento.

Proposal Guarantee

Each bid must be sealed and accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond, executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento.

If the bidder elects to provide a bid bond, the bond shall be furnished by a company that is authorized and licensed by the Insurance Commissioner as an "admitted surety insurer."

Construction License

The successful bidder must possess a current **Class "B" General Contracting** License issued by the State of California.

Prevailing Wages

Bidders are hereby notified that the California Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the rates for overtime and holiday work in the locality in which the work is to be performed for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the contract which will be awarded to the successful bidder.

Dec 28 Jan 4

Fictitious Business Name Statement
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File No. 2005-1329

The following person is doing business as Corcoran Lane Pastures, 34255 Corcoran Hill Lane, Davis CA 95616:

Carolyn Penny and Greg Miller, same address as above.

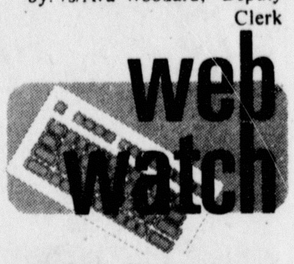
This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 20, 2005.

/s/Carolyn Penny
/s/Greg Miller.

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(NAPS)—The best answer to a home, health or beauty problem is often the most basic—and may already be in your cabinets. Helpful Hint guru "Heloise," a purveyor of such advice for generations, offers new twists on the simple home remedies of times past and their place in the homes of today. Visit www.simplehomeremedies.com for a list of helpful hints.



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PUZZLES & COMICS

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



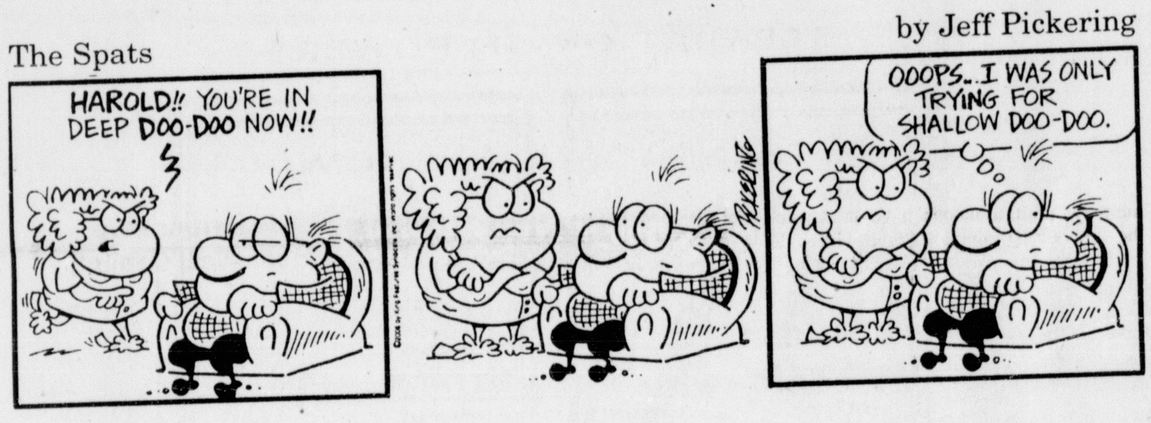
Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

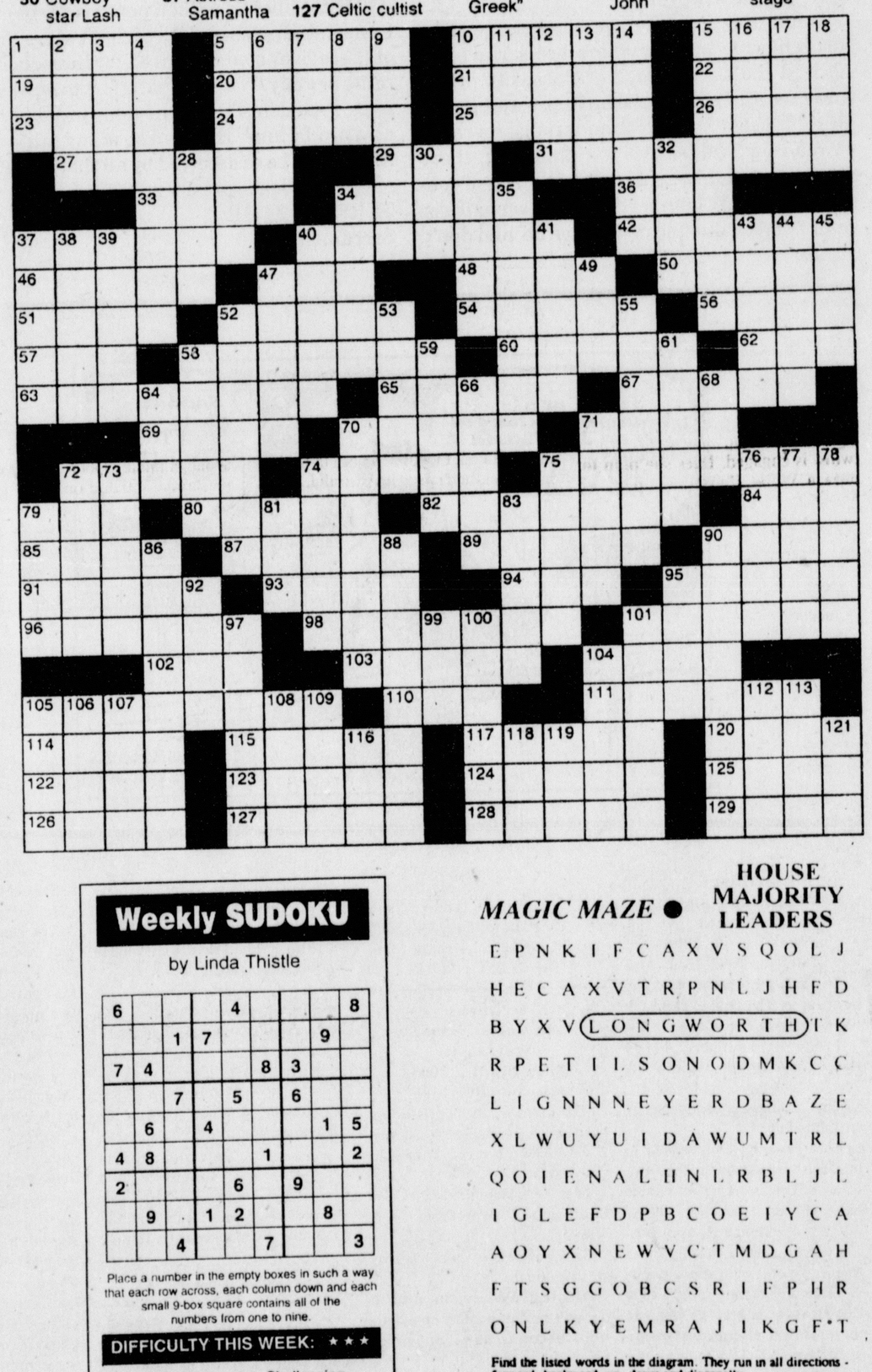




Super Crossword — R U READY?

ACROSS
1 Wished undone
5 In fact
10 Vance or McCormick
15 Callao's country
19 Proverb preposition
20 Rene of "Big Trouble"
21 Annual award?
22 Authentic
23 "My —" ('65 hit)
24 Romance
25 Host a roast
26 Forearm bone
27 Monotony
29 States briefly?
31 Hit man
33 Actress Schneider
34 Touches
36 Pecs' partners
37 Clark of "Finian's Rainbow"
40 Usually
42 Considers carefully
46 Bouquet
47 Green and Gore
48 Interstate exit
50 Cowboy star Lash
51 Young boxers
52 Navigation hazards
54 Fireplace fragment
56 Valueless
57 Zoo attraction
58 Greeted the general
60 Jason's wife
62 Ram's remark
63 Acted like a peacock
65 Scoffed at
67 Orchestra section
69 Neighbor of Nev.
70 Keep an eye on
71 Destroy
72 Show indifference
74 Model Beverly
75 "Wall $treet Week" host
79 Mauna —
80 Michelangelo work
82 Potsdam pastry
84 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
85 Not give — (be indifferent)
87 Actress Samantha
89 Adjusted an Amati
90 "Educating —" ('83 film)
91 Certain sharks
93 Actress Sharon
94 — -de-lance
95 Jabber away
96 Impacts
98 — oxide
101 Dentistry material
102 Use a phaser
103 Standards
104 Iran's Abolhassan — -Sadr
105 Swedish turnip
110 Trams transport it
111 Like Schonberg's music
114 Turgenev's birthplace
115 Plot
117 Pianist Gould
120 Got off
122 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
123 Uneven
124 It comes from the heart
125 Eye drop?
126 Tamblyn or Westover
127 Celtic cultist
128 Pancake topping
129 Stocking shade

DOWN
1 Bad hair, every day?
2 Element
3 Raison d'—
4 Stagnant state
5 Shock
6 Card game
7 Troop grp.
8 Shreveport coll.
9 Nigerian native
10 Animal
11 Root vegetable
12 Costa —
13 Manipulates
14 It has its ups and downs
15 Franco- — War
16 Elver's folks
17 Rampur royalty
18 — Bator
28 Kansas city
30 Big —, CA
32 Explorer Tasman
34 Desirable quality
35 Shut forcefully
37 Irene of "Zorba the Greek"
38 Let out the lava
39 Sot
40 Viva voce
41 Inlay
43 Baby beetles
44 Sinuous dances
45 Actress Ward
47 "Go!" to Gounod
49 Word form for "foot"
52 Exhaustion
53 Smooth transition
55 Told off
58 Play the mandolin
59 Push-buttons' predecessors
61 Sharon of Israel
64 Mideast letters
66 "The Sun Also Rises" heroine
68 Some
70 Semisolid protein
71 More uncouth
72 To date
73 Terse verse
74 Heathen
75 Ancient characters
76 Notre Dame's river
77 Singer John
78 Laughing
79 It becomes ewe?
81 Mil. group
83 Sewell of "A Knight's Tale"
86 Tennis great Pancho
88 Updated the factory
90 Ponder
92 Use a poniard
95 Tahoe town
97 Set apart
99 Registered mail abbr.
100 Zeno's zees
101 Afternoon refresher
104 Swahili, e.g.
105 Serengeti sound
106 Pakistani language
107 Some shirts
108 Teri of "Tootsie"
109 Hunt's "— Ben Adhem"
112 Composer Wilder
113 Inventive sort?
116 "A Fool Such —" ('59 hit)
118 Powell co-star
119 Muff
121 Capote, on stage



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

6				4				8
		1	7				9	
7	4				8	3		
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	6		4				1	5
4	8				1			2
2				6		9		
	9		1	2			8	
		4			7			3

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ *HOO-BOY!*

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X L W U Y U I D A W U M T R L
Q O I E N A L H N L R B L J L
I G L E F D P B C O E I Y C A
A O Y X N E W V C T M D G A H
F T S G G O B C S R I F P H R
O N L K Y E M R A J I K G F T

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Armey, Blunt, Boggs, Delay, F. Mondell, Foley, Gephardt, Halleck, Kitchin, Longworth, McCormack, Payne, Rayburn, Tilson, Wright

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

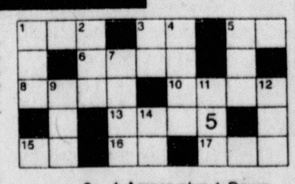


FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. One-fifth of 13-Across
3. Same digit repeated
5. Three times 14-Down
6. 17-Across plus 12-Down
8. 10-Across minus 6-Across
10. Seven times 4-Down
13. Consecutive digits in ascending order
15. Eight more than 3-Across
16. Fifty more than 3-Across
17. Ten less than 11-Down

DOWN
1. 11-Down minus 9-Down
2. 1-Across plus 1-Down
3. Digits of 16-Across reversed
4. 5-Across plus 5-Down
5. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
7. The sum of the digits is 15-Across
9. 5-Across plus 3-Down
11. Same digit repeated
12. One hundred less than 2-Down
14. The first digit is three times the last digit

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DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT



"King Kong"

Running time: 187 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

Peter Jackson's "King Kong" is a heckuva long movie. At 3 hours 7 minutes, it's longer than "Schindler's List" but with twice the jokes. I recall a great capsule review of another interminably long movie, "Titanic" — "It stunk until it sunk." In a way, "Kong" is a lot like Titanic: It's Skunky until the Monkey.

Jackson takes more than 70 minutes to get to Skull Island and to the action, and what a dreary, check-your-watch wait it is. Sure, we need to set up the plot and introduce the characters, but it shouldn't take more than an hour to do so.

However, once the gang reaches Skull Island and Kong appears, the remaining two hours are a breathtaking cinematic achievement — a roller-coaster ride through every conceivable emotion and worth every penny you paid to get in the theater.

The film stars Naomi Watts as Ann Darrow, a down-and-out vaudeville performer who is described as "the saddest woman in New York." A twist of fate has her meeting filmmaker Carl Denham (Jack Black), whose creditors are on his tail and needs a leading lady for his next picture — pronto. Darrow signs on with Denham, and they board a ship along with leading man Bruce Baxter (Kyle Chandler) and screenwriter Jack Driscoll (Adrien Brody). The crew is headed to the South China Sea and Skull Island.

Once there, Ann is kidnapped by the natives and sacrificed to their god, Kong. But Kong doesn't kill Ann for some reason. The next hour or so is filled with Kong battling dinosaurs and other creatures, protecting Ann and creating a bond between them. Denham and his crew set out into the jungle to rescue Ann, but have problems of their own, fighting off giant bugs, spiders and huge razor-toothed larvae.

Eventually, Ann is rescued, Kong is captured, and they all return to New York. From there, Jackson sticks pretty close to the original film, with a few



Naomi Watts, King Kong

exceptions. The final battle is longer and has more planes, and there is a touching scene before that in Central Park that makes Kong's death even more tragic.

"King Kong" surpasses the original in many ways. The relationship between Ann and Kong is touching and beautiful, and Watts does a spectacular job making their relationship believable. The effects are awesome, and the action scenes are some of the best you'll ever see on the big screen.

I just wish someone had the guts to tell Peter Jackson to cut the picture's running time. There is an hour's worth of material that could be yanked and not hurt the film one bit.

Let's hope Jackson does the reverse of what he did with the "Lord of the Rings" DVDs. Instead of adding footage, let's hope there is a Special Truncated Version for Those With Small Bladders.

Grade: B

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno



MUSHROOMS TAKE ROOT IN MEXICAN CUISINE

Mexican-inspired dishes keep growing in popularity, not only in restaurants but at home as well. The spices and fresh, zesty peppers and other Mexican essentials are readily available in any supermarket.

Today we give you Mushroom and Spinach Quesadillas served with a different kind of salsa made with corn and black beans, and a Mushroom-Beef Chili.

Mushrooms are no strangers to Mexican cuisine. There is evidence that they were used for centuries to boost the taste of the other ingredients and to add their own unique flavor. Those early cooks, we're sure, didn't know they were also piling in lots of nutritious benefits. Particularly important is their selenium, which helps protect against certain cancers. They are also a source of B vitamins and potassium, are low in calories and have practically no fat. And they taste so good.

MUSHROOM AND SPINACH QUESADILLAS

- *1 (10-ounce) package sliced mushrooms*
- *1 (5-ounce) package baby spinach*
- *1/2 teaspoon Mexican or Southwestern seasoning*
- *4 flour tortillas, 7 or 8 inches each*
- *1 (8-ounce) package shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese*

Place mushrooms in a 2-quart microwavable baking dish; cover loosely with wax paper. Microwave until mushrooms are tender, about 2 minutes. Stir in spinach; cover loosely; microwave until spinach just begins to wilt, about 2 minutes. Drain well; stir in seasoning.*

In a heavy 10-inch skillet, place a tortilla; cook over medium-high heat until the bottom begins to brown, about 1 minute. Turn tortilla, sprinkle with 1/2 cup of the cheese; heat until the tortilla starts to brown, about 1 minute. Spoon 1/2 cup of the mushroom mixture onto half of the tortilla. Fold to enclose. Remove to a platter; cover loosely to keep warm. Repeat 3 more times. Serve with Corn and Black Bean Salsa, if desired. Yield: 4 servings.

*NOTE: Alternatively, heat oven to 350 F. On baking sheet coated with cooking spray, place tortillas. Top each with an equal amount of cheese. Bake until melted, about 5 minutes. Spoon an equal amount of the mushroom mixture over the cheese on each tortilla; fold to enclose. Bake just until hot, about 5 minutes.

CORN AND BLACK BEAN SALSA

- *1-1/2 cups frozen corn, thawed*
- *1 (15-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained*
- *1 cup diced red bell pepper*
- *2 teaspoons finely chopped jalapeno pepper*
- *1/4 cup coarsely chopped cilantro*
- *3 tablespoons fresh lime juice*
- *1 tablespoon olive oil*
- *1/8 teaspoon salt*

In a medium-sized bowl, combine all ingredients. Serve with Mushroom and Spinach Quesadilla. Yield: about 4 cups.

MUSHROOM-BEEF CHILI

- *1 pound ground lean beef*
- *2 tablespoons chili powder*
- *1 teaspoon ground cumin*
- *1 pound fresh white mushrooms, sliced*
- *1 (15-ounce) can crushed tomatoes*
- *1 (8-ounce) can no-salt-added tomato sauce*
- *1 medium (about 2 inches) onion, chopped*
- *1 clove garlic, minced*
- *1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper*
- *Salt to taste*

In large saucepan, over medium-high heat, cook beef, stirring, until meat is browned; drain off fat. Stir in chili powder and cumin; cook about 30 seconds, until fragrant. Add mushrooms, crushed tomatoes, tomato sauce, onion, garlic, black pepper and salt; lower heat and simmer, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until tomatoes have thickened, about 10 minutes. Serve with soda crackers, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

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CELEBRITY extra

by Evelyn Green

Q: I heard on television that Barbara Bush, one of the Bush twins, is engaged. Does she plan to have a White House wedding? — *Shelly N.*

A: As I write this, the White House has denied that Barbara Bush is engaged. They attribute the story to a reporter who saw Barbara wearing a ring on her third finger, left hand, and assumed the rest.

However, some Washington sources say Ms. Bush has been seeing someone, and she may have been wearing a friendship ring. In any event, as of now, no one in a position to know these things is predicting a White House wedding for Barbara or her sister, Jenna, anytime soon.

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Q: I saw the movie "King Kong," and I would like to ask two questions: Where was Naomi Watts, who plays the girl King Kong loves, born? Was Fay Wray the only other actress to play the girl (Ann Darrow)? I believe there was another one. — *Marie A.*

A: Naomi Watts, whose father was Peter Watts, sound engineer for the band Pink Floyd, was born in Kent in England and raised in Australia. She met her best friend, American-born, Australian-raised Nicole Kidman, when both auditioned for a bikini commercial and wished each other luck in getting it.



Naomi Watts

Fay Wray was the first to play the role, and before her death in 2004, she told Naomi Watts that she thought she would make a splendid Ann Darrow.

Jessica Lange played "the girl," Dwan, in the 1976 version of the film in which Kong fights off the airplanes while clinging to the top of one of the Twin Towers instead of the Empire State Building.

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Q: Where did Bill O'Reilly work before he got his show, "The O'Reilly Factor," on Fox News? — *Dan L.*

A: Long Island native Bill O'Reilly taught high school for two years. After receiving his master's degree in broadcast journalism from Boston University, he started doing news shows in Scranton, Pa.; Dallas; Denver; Oregon; Hartford, Conn.; and Boston. He anchored his own show in New York, and after several years with ABC News he joined "Inside Edition." He was then hired by Roger Ailes, who was starting up the Fox News Channel, to anchor "The O'Reilly Factor."

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Q: I'm curious about the grounds for the Jessica Simpson/Nick Lachey divorce. Also, is it true he wants her to pay him alimony? — *Lois E.*

A: Simpson is citing "irreconcilable differences" as her grounds for divorce. She's also asked that he not be awarded any spousal support.

Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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TUNING IN by Sally Stone

A Conversation With Susanna Thompson

NBC'S new series "The Book of Daniel," created by Jack Kenny, who also created "Titus" and wrote for "Caroline in the City," is the story of an Episcopalian minister, Reverend Daniel Webster, played by Aidan Quinn ("The Exonerated"), and his relationship with Jesus (Garret Dillahunt, "Deadwood"), with whom he holds conversations (when he asks Jesus why he talks to him, Jesus says, "I talk to everybody"), with his bishop, played by Ellen Burstyn ("Cross the Line"), and his family. He has three children: Peter (Christian Campbell, "Trick"), his 23-year-old gay son, trying to cope with the loss of his twin brother; Grace (Alison Pill, "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen"), his 16-year-old daughter; and Adam (Ivan Shaw, "All My Children"), his 16-year-old adopted Chinese son. Susanna Thompson ("Once and Again," "Dragonfly") plays Judith Webster, Daniel's wife.



"The Book of Daniel"
NBC
Fridays

Susanna Thompson says Judith Webster, the woman she plays on NBC's "The Book of Daniel," is someone she would want as a friend in real life.

"At first, I might be concerned about our differences. Unlike her, I didn't grow up in a wealthy, socially connected Protestant family. But that wouldn't matter. I would soon realize that I would very much enjoy our friendship.

"I would enjoy her intelligence, her honesty, her strength, her sense of loyalty and her capacity for caring. These are the qualities she needs as wife and mother — and in her role as the minister's wife. They're also the qualities that would make her a good friend."

Daniel, who has developed a reliance on prescription painkillers, lives in an almost constant state of stress trying to deal with church politics and his responsibilities as a husband and father. When he asks Jesus to guide him, he's told to find his own answers. And inevitably, it's Judith who takes him by the hand.

"Judith," says Thompson, "manages to be strong enough for both of them. She keeps him grounded and gives him a sense of security. Meanwhile, she deals with her responsibilities to her children and to her duties in the church. And all the time she's trying to come to terms with the death of her child, and what she sees in her own future."

Susannah Thompson says the series has one essential theme that comes from its creator's, Jack Kenny's, vision: "It's about family," she says. "And everything else revolves around that."

In Focus

Houston native **Isaiah Washington** stars as Dr. Preston Burke on ABC's "Grey's Anatomy." He says acting was not his only career choice. "I was in the military, and I used to think that eventually I would become the second General Washington in our country's history."

After serving in the Air Force for four years, he enrolled at Howard University and graduated with a degree in theater arts. Washington created the City Kids Repertory, a theater company that went to different schools to put on productions of special interest to high-risk youngsters.

"Theater is an effective way of reaching people with messages they might ignore otherwise," he says.

As for what we can expect from Dr. Preston Burke in the new season, Wash-



Isaiah Washington

ington says, "He'll still be the determined man you already saw. He doesn't want to be a good doctor; he wants to be the best doctor."

Washington understands Burke's drive for excellence: "Maybe it's because of my military training, where your life and the lives of (your fellow soldiers) depend on you being the best you can be. Being just good enough isn't good enough."

DIAL TONE: ABC's "Invasion," starring **William Fichtner, Eddie Cibrian** and **Lisa Sheridan**, returns for a second season. As with other series created by Shaun Cassidy, "Invasion" deals with the mysterious powers that can either be friendly or fatal.

"I believe people are always intrigued by forces they don't understand," says Cassidy. "It's the unknown that both frightens us and intrigues us. That's been the history of our species. We have to know what's out there ... (and) we want to believe that what we'll find is beneficent."

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The World of Kong: A Natural History of Skull Island
by WETA Workshop, Foreword by Peter Jackson
($35, Pocket Books)
The Making of King Kong: The Official Guide to the Motion Picture
by Jenny Wake
($20, Pocket Books)
Reviewed by David Smith

Movie tie-in books can be a dicey affair. Often all you get is a slapdash collection of production stills (many of which you've already seen online and in magazines), some conceptual drawings, and text that reads like it was written by a team of publicists.

I'm happy to say that there are two tie-ins to Peter Jackson's "King Kong" that go above and beyond the run-of-the-mill coffee table dust-gatherers so prevalent in the genre.

The first is "The World of Kong: A Natural History of Skull Island." It's more than a collection of conceptual paintings of the flora and fauna of Skull Island. The concept of the book is that it is the report of an expedition of explorers to Skull Island taken after Kong's rampage in New York.

The text is written as if it were notes by various scientists describing the fantastic creatures of this mysterious and dangerous island. Think Charles Darwin meets Edgar Rice Burroughs.

The second book, "The Making of King Kong: The Official Guide to the Motion Picture," is jam-packed with great photos illustrating the techniques used in making this special-effects-laden extravaganza. The text is so informative that I felt that if I had enough computers, I could paint the walls of my garage green and make a blockbuster myself.

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PAGE FROM THE PAST

INDEPENDENT-LEADER FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1924

WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS

The Sacramento river registered 3 feet 10 inches, United States gauge at the Southern Pacific bridge yesterday. A report just received from the California crop reporting service says:

"There has been a noted improvement in the condition of agriculture in general during the past fortnight due to the very generous rains that fell in most of the important agricultural districts in the state. Grain growers and livestock men were particularly benefited. Heaviest precipitation occurred in the southern half of the state where needs were most urgent, though Northern California received sufficient rain to be of much value. A good supply of snow is reported as having fallen in the Sierras which will do much to relieve the expected shortage of water for spring irrigation. Where storage is established summer irrigation and electric power possibilities have been improved. This general improvement to agriculture is partially offset by frosts that damaged deciduous fruits in numerous localities in the Sacramento and upper San Joaquin Valleys.

"There is a comparatively good supply of range feed in the northern half of the state, particularly in the counties along the coast where conditions have been more nearly normal. In the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California the condition of pasture is poor. Grass is short and in some districts almost entirely lacking. As a result, livestock is in a poor condition except where being fed. However, a substantial improvement in the condition of both pasture and livestock can soon be expected due to recent rains.

"Although the rains of last week did much to improve grain conditions in the southern half of the state, prosperts are still far below normal. Many fields had suffered to such an extent, and the grain was so backward in growth, as to be beyond redemption when rain finally came. Much of this may now make sufficient growth that it can be cut for hay. The west side section in the San Joaquin Valley, the Tulare Lake district and the Ducor section in Tulare County, all expect very light yields except on the irrigated acreage which is comparatively small. The grain outlook is more promising in the Sacramento Valley, with fair to good yields in prospect. This is particularly true of grain on the lowlands, while that sown on the highlands will need more moisture to bring it to profitable maturity."

A popular dance is to be held next Saturday night at the town hall under the auspices of the "Jazzy Five." This orchestra is composed of several Sacramento young men who have gathered around them a coterie of young fellows who like to dance. They furnish splendid music and enjoy their entertainments themselves as much as those who participate with them. The fire commissioners have given permission for the dance and will have a committee present to look after the general conduct of the affair.

Mrs. Hattie Greman has been confined to her home for several days of the past week with a severe cold. Yesterday she was able to be around again.

Miss Gladys Colbert has been sick for several days of the past week, suffering with a light touch of pneumonia. She is again able to be around her home.

Yesterday afternoon the pupils of the public school were dismissed to give them opportunity to be present at the funeral of Supervisor Leinberger. Not a single pupil in the public school who did not know the supervisor and he in turn knew them and never refused to call them by their name wherever and whenever he met them.

During the funeral services at the Masonic Hall in Sacramento yesterday the town was practically deserted. Every store in the community was closed, the only place remaining open being the postoffice for which a special permission would have been required to close. Farms up and down the river were deserted and a particularly good showing was made from the Lisbon district, where Supervisor Leinberger was so well known and so highly esteemed.

Miss Flora Williams has returned to her home after a short visit with friends in Georgetown.

J. R. Shoemaker of Fort Bidwell is spending a short while in Washington as the house guest of his son, Al Shoemaker.

Mrs. Ofa Conrad, who has been spending the past few days in St. Helena visiting with friends, returned to her home. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Claire Conrad.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers and son, Homer Bowers, returned to their home in Hammonton, after a visit as the guests of Mrs. Mary Noyes. Mrs. Bowers has been spending the past three weeks at the latter's home while her husband and son came only a few days ago.

Mrs. Fred White, Jr., returned to her home in Washington, after a short visit in Wheatland as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jasper.

After a short visit in Washington, during which they were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jasper returned to their Wheatland home.

Ray Speicher suffered an injured right hand last Sunday while playing baseball at Bryte.

After a week-end visit in Chico the following Washington residents returned to their respective homes: Mrs. P. O. Van Deren, Mrs. R. P. George, Mrs. M. Sherman and Miss Mary George.

PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD SATURDAY NIGHT TO CENTER ON SOME TAXPAYER WHO WOULD BE WILLING AND CAPABLE TO ACT AS SUPERVISOR

Until the funeral services of Supervisor Leinberger were completed yesterday not a word was heard in Washington or throughout his district concerning a successor.

In the hands of Governor Richardson lies the appointment, but since the district has always been strongly Democratic it will be no mean task for Governor Richardson to select a man from the Republican ranks who will fill the place to the satisfaction of the people.

Immediately following the funeral of Supervisor Leinberger political rumors were flying fast and furious. At least the names of fifteen men were mentioned who would be willing to accept if they could only secure the appointment. Of course most of these were out of the question, some being non-residents, some being engaged in business in Sacramento and some being unwilling to take the necessary steps to secure the appointment.

It will only be natural for Governor Richardson to name a Republican to the position, and should he prove up it is possible he may be elected at the election next November.

Several prominent citizens of Washington approached the Independent yesterday and asked that a public meeting be called for next Saturday night to be held in the town hall so that the people could center on some party who not only could get the nomination to be made by Governor Richardson but who would be capable and agreeable to the balance of the population of this district.

It is for that reason that the call is now issued and will take place next Saturday evening at the town hall at 8 p. m.

It would be useless for this paper to elaborate very much on this question, because already political forces are at work in an effort to place a man in the position who will measure up beside the qualifications exhibited by the deceased official.

Leinberger did many things quietly and without ostentation that met with the approval of the large taxpayers. He was little of a talker, but he was strong on accomplishments. To secure a man that will fill these qualities will be somewhat of a job.

It is a well known fact that in the southern end of the first district as well as in the northern portion there are many men willing and anxious to secure the place. These men have their qualifications and no doubt would make competent officials, but there is objection to the appointment of any man whose place of business or whose abode is so far removed from the center of population that it would be inconvenient for the taxpayers to meet and talk with him.

Clarksburg has ambitions and some of its people are anxious for the appointment.

Freeport, too, believes itself entitled to consideration and has a candidate the district would back without reservation.

Riverbank has a candidate that has the backing of that community. And some of the farmers north of town along the river levee as far as Elkhorn would be in a very receptive mood if only an offer were made to them.

The independence of character displayed by Governor Richardson in his appointments of this character is assurance for the people that some man whom he will name must have the backing and support of a well organized minority, or majority if possible.

This paper hesitates to mention any names in this connection but can say positively that it has word from W. E. Beardslee that he is not a candidate for the place.

The Independent would prefer to wait till the meeting next Saturday night to suggest the names of some men who would not only be capable and willing to act but who are in a position to do so and render justice to the taxpayers of their district.

SIDE LIGHTS AT OFFICIAL'S FUNERAL WORTH MENTION

It was remarkable at the funeral of Supervisor Leinberger yesterday how many men who were present could not refrain from shedding tears of esteem and sympathy during the services conducted at the Masonic Hall.

Grizzled old veterans, hardened old sinners, weatherbeaten old men, and callous individuals were seen to shed tears such as they had not shed in years.

Men were moved by the grief shown by the Leinberger family, until copious tears dropped from weatherbeaten eyelashes.

A peculiar incident happened, too. Two close neighbors and friends of the deceased took part in the Masonic ceremonies at the funeral. A. M. Cameron was an official guard representing the Knight Templars, and George Beale was an officer of the lodge that took part in the ceremony.

Many of the butchers of Sacramento were present at the obsequies, and even accompanied the remains of W. J. Leinberger to the grave.

One ordinary lodge room was not large enough to hold the crowd that attended the funeral ceremonies. Two lodge rooms were well filled and even a large hallway was crowded with friends of the deceased.

Children were scattered throughout the audience in numerical strength. They, too, knew him and liked him.

Four trucks were required to convey the floral pieces offered as tributes to his worth from the Masonic Temple to the cemetery. And last, but not least, the funeral procession extended when fully in line from S street to K street. In all 126 automobiles were in line following the remains of the supervisor to his grave.

In many moons there had not been held in Sacramento a larger funeral, a more sympathetic funeral, a greater number of admiring friends.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Holland Land Co. to A. W. Hansen, $10. Waives rights reserved in deed recorded in book 104, page 272, in paragraph No. 8 of said deed.

F. W. Kiesel (trustee) to Peter Masloff, $10. Lots 10 and 30, block 10, Riverbank Sub.

CARD OF THANKS

Our heartiest and sincerest thanks are hereby offered to the many friends and neighbors who so kindly showed their appreciation of our dearly beloved deceased and who so kindly showed their sympathy for him during his late illness.

Sincerely,
Henry Leinberger, Sr.
Henry Leinberger, Jr.
C. E. Leinberger and family.
Mrs. F. P. Smith.
Walter Leinberger.

MANY OUT OF TOWN VISITORS AT THE LEINBERGER FUNERAL

The remarkable showing made by the great number of out of town visitors was noticed by every one present at the funeral services of Supervisor Leinberger. Many who knew him personally but who were not acquainted with his family were present at the Masonic Temple, but friends of the family who visited the home before the funeral numbered many, among them being J. Zwald of Oakland, Frank Reynolds and E. Harrington of San Francisco, Burt Crane of Turlock, Frank Michel of Nicolaus, Paul Leake, A. A. Powers, A. G. Proctor, Roy Cole, George Farris, Dr. Reese, Dr. Blevins, all of Woodland, James, Jeff and sister, Miss Mollie Armstrong of Sloughhouse, C. Ruman of Michigan Bar, Nels Westerberg of Sloughhouse, Walter Jones of Sloughhouse, Mrs. G. Swasey of San Francisco, and Thos. Limnell of Woodland.

M'GREGOR ELECTED SCHOOL TRUSTEE ON LAST FRIDAY

Last Friday afternoon, Peter McGregor was elected school trustee for the coming year to succeed himself after having filled the place by appointment during the past six months.

Up to the afternoon of election no opposition was in the field openly, but about 3 p. m. a change came about.

A number of voters came along with write-in ballots on which the name of Ray Peek was inserted.

The opposition against McGregor did not materialize to any great extent, although Peek secured fifteen votes against forty-eight for McGregor.

McGregor will fill the position during the coming year.

PECULIAR DAMAGE SUIT TO BE DECIDED BY COURT

John Souza of Sacramento has filed suit in the superior court in Woodland against Sherman States of Bryte, asking damages totaling $16,900 for injuries alleged to have been sustained in an automobile accident on April 7, 1923.

Souza claims he asked States for a ride and due to the latter's carelessness, the automobile overturned. He says several vertebrae were broken, a leg cut and an arm fractured.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE INDEPENDENT-LEADER

OFFICERS NAMED FOR PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 6TH

At the meeting of the board of supervisors of Yolo County, held in Woodland ten days ago, officials were named and polling places were specified for the presidential primary election to be held on May 6th, as follows:

CLARKSBURG PRECINCT
Polling Place—Wharf Building, Clarksburg
BOARD OF ELECTION
Inspector—Gus Olson.
Judge—N. H. Kurtz.
Judge—John Waxon.
Clerk—Arthur E. Greene.
Clerk—Joe S. Bell.
Clerk—F. C. Kirtlan.

SOUTH WASHINGTON PRECINCT
Polling Place—Brietzke's Garage, Washington
BOARD OF ELECTION
Inspector—A. M. Cameron.
Judge—F. E. Miller.
Judge—Lillie M. Cook.
Clerk—N. L. White.
Clerk—Jessie B. Borchers.
Clerk—Emma J. Hart.

NORTH WASHINGTON PRECINCT
Polling Place—Town Hall Washington
BOARD OF ELECTION
Inspector—D. B. Barry.
Judge—J. L. Clifton.
Judge—John Patterson.
Clerk—Jennie L. Floris.
Clerk—Annie N. Korell.
Clerk—Georgia M. Dupzyk.

RIVERBANK PRECINCT
Polling Place—Assembly Hall, School House, Riverbank
BOARD OF ELECTION
Inspector—W. E. M. Beardslee.
Judge—J. W. Cusack.
Judge—George M. Hicks.
Clerk—Hedwig Marty.
Clerk—Ethel M. Bell.
Clerk—F. L. White, Jr.

SUOTH PUTAH PRECINCT
Polling Place—Franklin School House, South Putah
BOARD OF ELECTION
Inspector—John M. Childers.
Judge—Otis B. Wilber.
Clerk—W. H. Baker.
Clerk—Frank Weber.

THIRD CANDIDATE FOR FIRE COMMISSIONER HAS NOT SPOKEN

Although the election for the three fire commissioners will take place next Monday, a third man to replace William Bartle has not yet made his announcement.

Dave Barry and Ray Peek are proposed to succeed themselves, and while neither of them is overanxious for the position they are willing to serve in order to fill the board of commissioners as well as possible.

Several names have been mentioned for the place, but so far nothing of a definite announcement is certain.

Before the election date of next Monday it is likely that one of the members of the volunteer firemen will be prompted to get into the race in order to fill the board.

CLAIMS ALLOWED BY YOLO SUPERVISORS

At a meeting of the board of supervisors held in Woodland, March 27th, owing to the absence of Supervisor Leinberger no claims were allowed for the First Supervisor District.

Robert Mailes was granted a license to sell soft drinks in Washington.

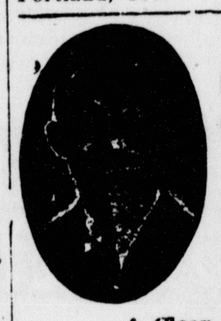
The board nominated George K. Sharpnack and H. R. Jacobs to be traffic officers of Yolo County, and fixed the salary of George K. Sharpnack at $165 per month and the salary of H. R. Jacobs at $150 per month, the county to furnish machines, gasoline and oil.

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Jill Jackson's HOLLYWOOD



Lake Bell

HOLLYWOOD .. **Ben Affleck** and **Jennifer Garner** were looking to buy a big, big house somewhere out by the ocean. But on Dec. 1 along came baby Affleck, and those plans were doused for the time being. So, Ben sold his house for a lovely sum and moved into Jennifer's bigger house, and there they will stay — for a while, anyway. ... As to their careers, Jennifer's series "Alias" terminated in May, and there are no other announced plans at the moment, except for enjoying mommyhood. Ben's "Truth, Justice and the American Way" is in post-production. When everything is settled in, they're planning to start looking again for something big near the ocean where they can see and hear the waves.

Scarlett Johansson's "dance card" is filled for a while. Her next will be "The Prestige" with **Christian Bale** and **Hugh Jackman**, about two rival magicians in London around 1900. Scarlett is one of the magician's assistant. He sends her out to find his rival's secrets, and all kinds of fun things happen — including some revealing magical moments. **Michael Caine** and **David Bowie** are also in the cast, with the pic's budget set at $6 million.

We'll soon be seeing **Jude Law** in "All the King's Men," and his next will be "Something's Gotta Give" for Columbia Pics. **Cameron Diaz** and **Kate Winslet** also star in this story of an American woman with man troubles who befriends a British villager with similar troubles. Jude was lucky to have wound up "All the King's Men" in New Orleans shortly before Katrina hit that city. I have a friend living in the Garden District there who told me the ladies went "nuts" each morning as he took his daily jog before going to work. As to his love life, at the moment I don't know who it is.

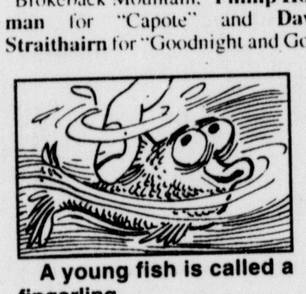
Looking ahead at Oscar, bet your money that "Brokeback Mountain," "The Constant Gardener" and "Good Night and Good Luck" will be among the nominees for Best Picture. As for Best Actor, **Heath Ledger** for "Brokeback Mountain," **Phillip Hoffman** for "Capote" and **David Straithairn** for "Goodnight and Good Luck" should be among the nominees. More on this anon.

My neighbor **Lake Bell** is jumping from the small screen to the big one in a BIG way. She is set to star with **Colin Farrell** in "Pride and Glory." **Ed Norton** and **Nick Nolte** are also in the cast of this pic about a family of police officers torn apart by a corruption scandal. Lake plays the wife of one of the cops investigated for corruption by her brother. Her character must choose between her husband and her family. You can see her on NBC in "Surface," and certainly you remember Lake's outstanding work in "Boston Legal."

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BITS 'N' PIECES: **The Prince of Wales** and the **Duchess of Cornwall**, Charles and Camilla to their close friends, were treated to a screening of Disney's "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe," and loved every minute of it. ... I can't think of anyone who was anyone who wasn't at the Big Apple premiere of "King Kong" ... **Barbara Walters** and **Reese Witherspoon** discovered each other at an L.A. Women In Entertainment Breakfast. They were really yakking it up. ... At the moment all's quiet on the **Paris Hilton** front. ... **Sienna Miller** would sure like to see her name up there as a nominee for Best Actress for her work in "Casanova." ... And no, **George Clooney** has not as yet replaced Max, his deceased potbellied pig! His lady friends, yes. Max, no.

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A young fish is called a fingerling.



Delaware's state insect is the ladybug.



By Samantha Mazzotta

Home Remedies for Furniture Stains

Q. Do you have a solution for water marks on furniture made by glasses? Thanks so very much. — *Sarah, via e-mail*

A. Believe it or not, toothpaste is probably the best all-around solution for removing those unsightly water rings. Apply a small amount of toothpaste (the regular paste kind, not the gel) to a lint-free cloth and gently rub it over the water ring. Wipe away the paste with a damp cloth, dry the area and, if the stain is gone, polish. The pumice in toothpaste acts as a super-fine sanding agent that won't mar the wood finish.

Another method for removing cloudy or white water stains from highly varnished furniture is to place a thick dishcloth over the stained area and then set a clothes iron on the dishcloth for three to five seconds (make sure the steam setting is OFF), moving it in circles.

If you are completely refinishing a piece of furniture, tackle the water stains once you have stripped off the old varnish. Try toothpaste first. If that doesn't work, make a paste of lemon juice (straight from the lemon) and salt, and apply it directly to the stain and nowhere else. Let the solution stand for 15 minutes, then scrub, rinse and blot dry. Wait for the area to dry completely to see if the stain came out.

Scratches can also mar your furniture, but can often be dealt with quickly. Mix one part lemon juice with one part olive oil, dip a lint-free cloth deep into the solution, then firmly rub in the direction of the scratch until the mark disappears. You can also use mayonnaise for this — and some readers swear it will work on water stains, too.

Another method is to take a plain old crayon that is the same color as the wood, color in the scratch, and then carefully remove excess wax by scraping a single-edge razor blade across the wood at a 45 degree angle (very gently). And if you want to try a really old-fashioned method — rub a walnut over the scratch! I've never tried this myself, but if it works for you, then great.

home tip

Many of the lowly items in your kitchen cupboard can be used as gentle cleaners and stain removers: White vinegar or lemon juice help remove stains; cornmeal, cornstarch or talcum powder can soak up spills; salt and toothpaste are effective polishing agents.

With all the solutions above, be careful when first trying them and test in an inconspicuous spot before tackling stains in visible areas.

Send questions or home repair tips to homeguru2000@hotmail.com, or write This Is a Hammer, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
January 19, 2006

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, January 19, 2006, at West Sacramento Civic Center, Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

6:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Marshall Crossing Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map No. 4609 Minor Map Modification

The applicant, Parkland Homes, seeks approval of a minor modification to an approved Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map located on the north side of Marshall Road near the intersection of Seymour Avenue. The modification would change three planned corner lots into six half-plex lots in order to provide more affordable housing choices. No other changes are proposed to the map. A subsequent mitigated negative declaration has been prepared for the project in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). APPLICANT/OWNER: Parkland Homes, 2281 Lava Ridge Court #300, Roseville, CA 95661. (CH)

2. Marshall Crossing 2 Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map No. 4746 (formerly Ybarra-Shimada Subdivision) Minor Map Modification

The applicant, Parkland Homes, seeks approval of a minor modification to an approved Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map located on the north side of Marshall Road near the intersection of Seymour Avenue. The modification would change one planned corner lot into a half-plex lot in order to provide more affordable housing choices and realign Stables Lane. No other changes are proposed to the map. A subsequent mitigated negative declaration has been prepared for the project in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). APPLICANT/OWNER: Parkland Homes, 2281 Lava Ridge Court #300, Roseville, CA 95661. (CH)

3. Marshall Crossing 3 Tentative Subdivision Map No. 4693 (formerly Stables Subdivision) Minor Map Modification

The applicant, Parkland Homes, seeks approval of a minor modification to an approved Tentative Subdivision Map located on the north side of Marshall Road near the intersection of Seymour Avenue. The modification would change two planned corner lots into four half-plex lots in order to provide more affordable housing choices. No other changes are proposed to the map. A subsequent mitigated negative declaration has been prepared for the project in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). APPLICANT/OWNER: Parkland Homes, 2281 Lava Ridge Court #300, Roseville, CA 95661. (CH)

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Tempo Square Tentative Subdivision Map No. 4823, Conditional Use Permit, and Planned Development Permit

The subdivider seeks approval of a Tentative Subdivision Map, Conditional Use Permit, and Planned Development Permit on ±1.8 acres located at 2670-2690 Higgins Road. The tentative map would create 25 single-family residential lots and a private street lot (non-buildable). The conditional use permit is proposed because single-family residential uses are conditional in the R-3 zone. A planned development permit is also proposed for exceptions to minimum lot size, setbacks, and other related development standards. APPLICANT/OWNER: 2670 Higgins Road LLC, 1850 Terminal Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691. (DT)

5. Public Hearing on the Washington Specific Plan Minor Deviations, Planned Development No. 30 Amendments, Proposed Development Agreements and Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Raley's Landing Mixed-Use Development

The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing and make a recommendation to the City Council on the following actions; 1)certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report, 2) proposed Washington Specific Plan Minor Deviations, 3) Planned Development 30 amendments, and 4) four proposed development agreements for the Raley's Landing Mixed-Use development. The project includes approximately 900 multifamily residential units, 845,000 gross square feet of office space, 102,000 square feet of commercial/retail uses, and possibly 100–300 hotel rooms with a 7,000- to 15,000-square-foot conference center; it would provide between 4,351 and 4,651 on-site parking spaces, including surface and multilevel parking spaces. The proposed project is divided into four development areas: the Washington Street property and the River 1, River 2, and River 3 areas and is approximately 18.2 acres and is bordered by the Sacramento River on the east, Fifth Street on the west, West Capitol Avenue on the south, and intersected by Third Street. The City Council will also conduct a public hearing to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report at a future date. OWNER/APPLICANT: The applicant's Raley's Inc., Teel Family Trust, D/P Fourth Street (Panattoni Development), Principle Real Estate Investors, and Signature Properties. (JB)

Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Jan 4

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 04-12748 Doc ID #000ONEA565CA2005N Title Order No. 2463940 Investor/Insurer No. 300921737 APN No. 045-563-26-1 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/23/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that CTC Real Estate Services, as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by BERNICE D. O'NEAL, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, dated 02/23/2004 and recorded 02/27/04, as Instrument No. 2004-0007630-00, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 02/01/2006 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3092 CARMEL BAY ROAD, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA, 95691. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $262,573.84. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 01/21/2005 CTC Real Estate Services 5898 CONDOR DRIVE, MP-88 MOORPARK, CA 93021 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (805) 578-6618 By: Trustee's Sale Officer CTC Real Estate Services is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 741610 01/11/2006, 01/18/2006, 01/25/2006

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
Augusta Mary Perini
CASE NUMBER PB05-251

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Augusta Mary Perini:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by William Perini in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that William Perini be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Jan. 19, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 11, 812 Court St., Woodland CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a "Request for Special Notice" (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A "Request for Special Notice" form is available from the court clerk.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 2, 2005
File No. 2005-1259

The following person is doing business as Randall Jacobs Sr. Authorized Mac Tool Distributor, 18044 Co. Rd. 93B, Woodland CA 95695:

Randall J. Jacobs, Sr., same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 2, 2005.

/s/Randall Jacobs Sr.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec 2, 2005
by: /s/Kimberli Barlow, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 14, 2005
File No. 2005-1311

The following person is doing business as Affordable Curbs, 1881 Kendall Ct., Yuba City CA 95993:

Peter J. Hartz, 1881 Kendall Ct., Yuba City CA 95993.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 14, 2005.

/s/Peter J. Hartz.

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Date: Dec. 14, 2005
by: /s/Peter J. Hartz, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 9, 2005
File No. 2005-1291

The following person is doing business as Homer's River City Florist & Gifts, 1040 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Andrew Lawrence & Frank Lewis, 111 Tower St., West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.

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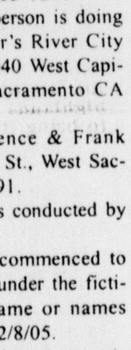
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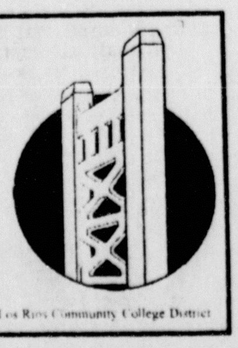
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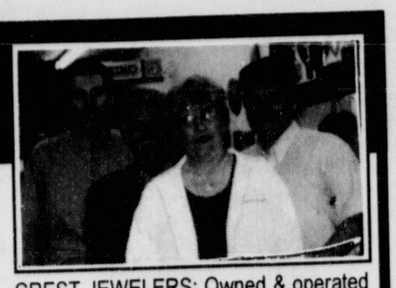
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You may drop off your post-Christmas tree for recycling at Riverside Green Waste Aggregates, 2903 Industrial Blvd. (just west of Harbor; enter at gravel driveway). Hours are Monday through Saturday after Christmas through Jan. 7. Up to five trees per carload accepted. Trees may be flocked but must be free of nails, stands, ornaments, lights and tinsel.

Save on energy

PG&E is offering a financial incentive to reduce your use of natural gas this winter. The "10/20 Winter Gas Savings Program" provides a 20 percent rebate to eligible customers who reduce gas usage by 10 percent between January and March. For tips and details, visit www.pge.com.

Health activists

Nominations are invited for the 2006 John Siden Community Service Award, honoring someone who serves West Sacramento in a health-related field or who has contributed significantly to the community's health and welfare. Nominations are due by Feb. 1. For more information, call Celestino Mojica at Salud Clinic Advisory Board, 375-6340.

Congressman visits

Congressman Mike Thompson will hold a "town hall meeting" on Friday, Jan. 6 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Old Sugar Mill Galleria, 35265 Willow Avenue, Clarksburg. Share your opinions on local and federal issues. There will be a welcome reception beginning at 5 p.m. For more information, contact the Representative's district office, (530) 662-5272.

Emergencies:

The City of West Sacramento will host a "community group meeting" on Jan. 11 at 6 p.m. at city hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. The topic will be emergency preparedness, with presentations from the fire department on "sheltering in place" and from a local flood control agency on flood protection. For more information on the meeting, call 617-4620.

Financial aid

River City High School will host a financial aid information night on Wed., Jan. 18, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the school library. Senior class members bound for college or trade school, and their parents, are welcome.

Blankets

The West Sacramento Friends of the Library is collecting blankets to donate to the Broderick Christian Center. You may drop off donated blankets to the library, 1212 Merkley Avenue, in the collection box provided. For more information, call 375-6465.

Shred your stuff

Weyerhaeuser Document Destruction in West Sacramento will host a free "shred-a-thon" for those who bring in personal documents for destruction between 5 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 10, at 50 South River Road. The company advises that shredding old records and financial documents before disposal helps prevent identity theft. During the special event, you may bring up to five "banker's box"-size containers of documents for shredding at no charge; additional boxes will be handled for $5 each. Open to businesses and consumers.

State fellowships

Assemblywoman Lois Wolk invites applicants for 18 11-month fellowships working on fiscal and policy issues. Fellows will earn a $1972 monthly stipend plus benefits. Eligible participants will have completed their undergraduate degree by September 2006. Mid-career professionals and those with advanced degrees are also encouraged to apply. Call 319-3753.

Yolo Archives

The Yolo County Archives office will reopen January 3 for public use on an "appointment" basis. Appointments are available Tuesdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursdays noon to 4 p.m. To make an appointment, call Mel Russell at (530) 666-8010.

Help wanted

The Elderly Nutrition Center at the West Sacramento Senior Center is looking for a kitchen assistant to work 3-6 months on a part time basis (weekday mornings). Pay is $6.75/hour. Call Patty Hickey, 373-5805.

Adopt-a-team

The West Sacramento Girls Softball League invites your business to sponsor a team in 2006. Call Miguel at (916) 308-8450 or email westsacgirlssoftball@yahoo.com.

Softball signups, clinic

The West Sacramento Girls Softball League will accept signups on Jan. 7, 10-12, 14, 21 & 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Johnnie's Sidewalk Pizza. The league will also host a softball clinic on March 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring Sacramento State University softball coach Kathy Strahan and her staff, helping girls age 5-18 work on pitching, infield defense, outfield defense and hitting. Cost for the clinic is $25 and registration begins at the event at 9:30 a.m. For more information on league signups or the clinic, call Miguel at 308-8450.

Book sale

The West Sacramento Friends of the Library will hold a book sale on Saturday and Sunday Jan. 14-15. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the community room at 1212 Merkley Avenue. Donations of clean, gently-used books will be accepted during business hours. Please limit donations to three bags or boxes at one time. Call 375-6465.

Recycle cooking oil

A new city program offers you a chance to recycle your used cooking oil this holiday season. Instead of risking blocked pipes by pouring it down a drain, save it in a sturdy container and take it to the public works department, 1951 South River Road, weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. No charge for residents or city employees showing a photo ID. Remember, homeowners and residents can be tapped for cleanup costs if a pipe blockage is traced to their home. For information, call 617-4850.

Cajun Night

The West Sacramento Moose Lodge will hold "Cajun Nite" on Sat., Jan. 14, at 3240 Jefferson Blvd. Food is available for purchase between 6-8:30 p.m. and music by Ron Bombardier & the Bayou Boys will play from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Cover charge $10. For information, call 371-6303.

Crab Feed

The Collings West Sacramento Teen Center will partner with the Huntington's Disease Society of America for their annual crab feed on Sat., Jan. 28 at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at 1541 Merkley Avenue. For tickets, call the teen center at 375-0681 or visit www.collingsteencenter.org. Proceeds will benefit teen center programs and the fight against Huntington's Disease.

Report DUIs

A new toll-free tip line enables members of the public to report suspected drunk drivers without tying up the "911" line. To report suspected DUI drivers, call "1-800-TELL-CHP." That phone number is now being publicized, including through the placement of signs at highway rest stops. The program is a partnership of the California Highway Patrol, Caltrans, the state office of traffic safety and state department of alcohol and drug programs.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• Harlan Sanders, founder of the restaurant chain Kentucky Fried Chicken, wasn't always involved in culinary pursuits; at various times he worked as a streetcar conductor, a soldier, a railroad fireman, an insurance salesman and a service-station operator. In 1929, when Sanders was about 40 years old, he opened Sanders' Cafe in the back of a service station in Corbin, Ky. — a rather humble beginning for today's KFC empire.

• Are you a crytoscopophiliac? If you are, I hope you don't live in my neighborhood. That's a term used to describe a person who feels an overwhelming urge to look into other people's windows.

• Comedian Groucho Marx got into show business when he was a young boy — as a soprano singer.

• It's still not known who made the following sage observation: "Computers come in two varieties: the prototype and the obsolete."

• Cotton is a ubiquitous substance. Everyone wears cotton clothes, but rarely does anyone give much thought to the raw material. Consider this: Each cotton fiber is actually made up of a single cell — it's just 3,000 times longer than it is wide.

• The Eiffel Tower may look a bit flimsy, but it's actually remarkably strong. In 1999 a violent storm struck Paris — so violent, in fact, that it knocked down more than 100,000 trees. Instruments at the top of the tower recorded a wind speed of 133 mph, the strongest ever observed there. The tower itself was fine, though; despite the record-breaking winds, it swayed less than 4 inches.

• When King Louis XVI of France was led to the guillotine in 1793 amid a mob of revolutionaries, he reportedly said to the crowd, "May my blood cement your happiness."

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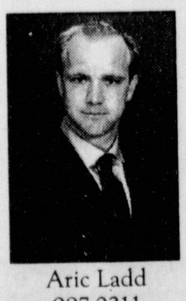
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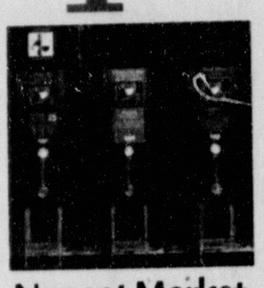
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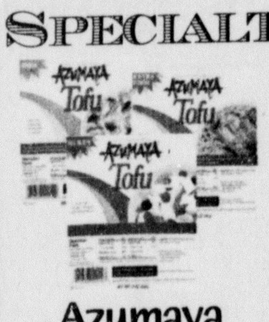


Pepsi Cola 2 Liter Bottles
Selected Varieties.
Stop Sign Savings.... 70¢
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Pepsi Cola or Aquafina
Selected Varieties.
12/12 oz. Cans or
12/12 oz. Bottles Aquafina
Stop Sign Savings...1.00
3.99 +crv

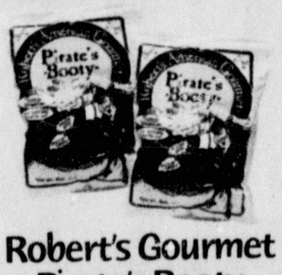
SPECIALTY FOODS



Azumaya Tofu
Selected Varieties.
14-16 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings.... 61¢
98¢



Clover Organic Milk
Selected Varieties.
One Quart
Stop Sign Savings.... 20¢
1.99

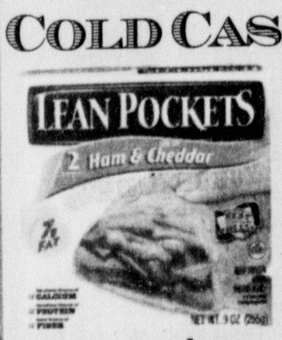


Robert's Gourmet Pirate's Booty Snacks
Selected Varieties.
4-4.5 oz. Bag
Stop Sign Savings.... 70¢
1.69



Lundberg Rice Xpress
Selected Varieties.
8.08 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings.... 70¢
2.19

COLD CASE



Lean Pockets
Selected Varieties.
9 oz. Package
Save 1.98 on 2
2 for $4



Moosewood Vegetarian Soup
Selected Varieties.
18 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings... 2.00
4.99



Minute Maid Light Juice
Selected Varieties.
64 oz. Carton
Stop Sign Savings.... 70¢
1.29



Crystal Cottage Cheese
Selected Varieties.
One Pint
Stop Sign Savings...20¢
1.59

MEAT-DELI



Bar S Cooked Ham
Selected Varieties.
16 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings... 1.00
2.99



La Mexicana Salsa
Selected Varieties.
16 oz. Tub
Stop Sign Savings.... 60¢
1.99



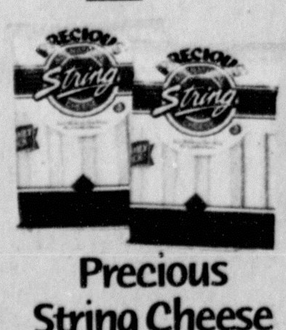
Land O' Frost Lunchmeat
Selected Varieties.
12 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings.... 80¢
2.59



Daily's Thick Sliced Bacon
Selected Varieties.
24 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings... 2.00
5.99



Louis Rich Turkey Bologna or Cotto Salami
16 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings... 1.00
1.99



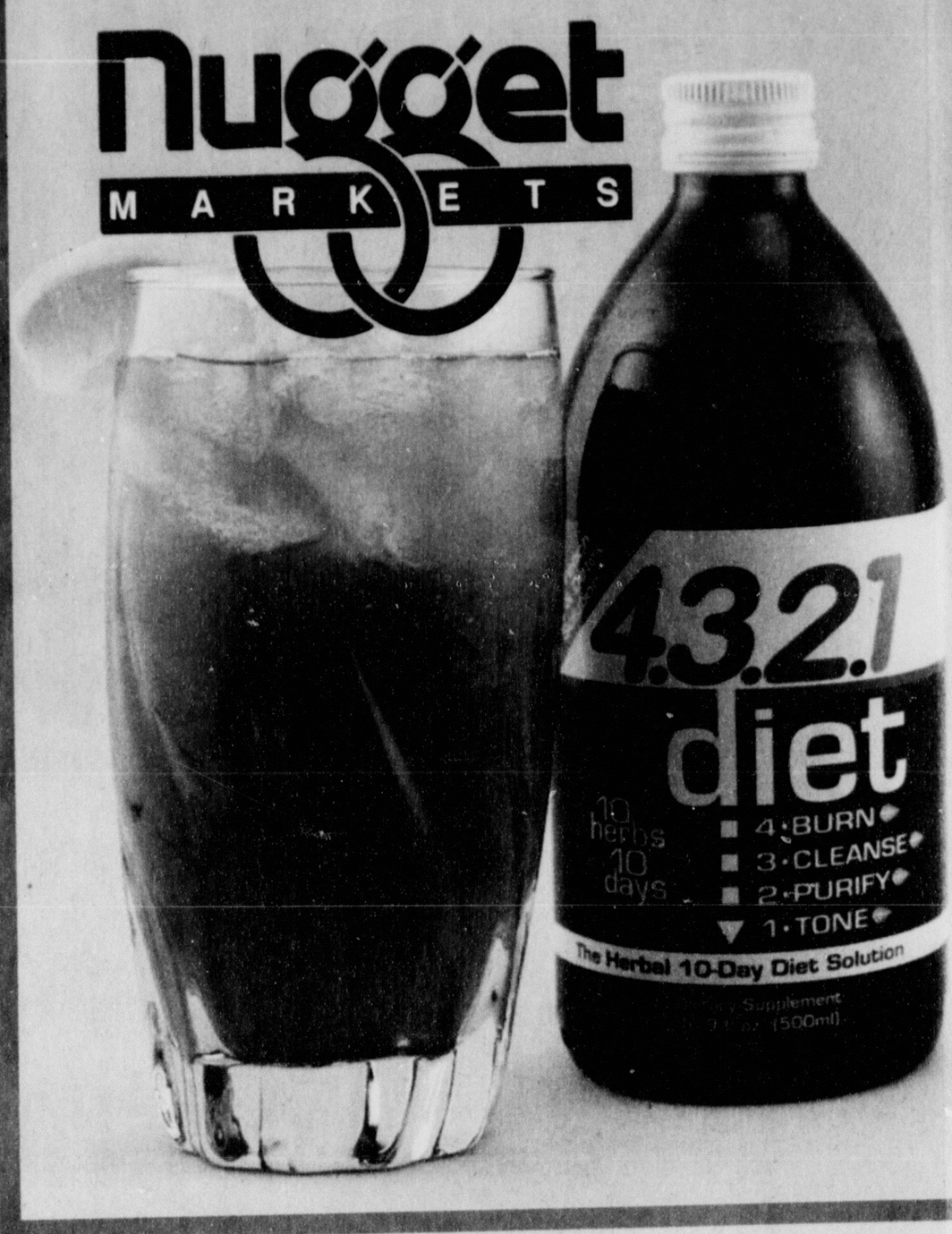
Precious String Cheese
24 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings... 2.00
5.99



Lifetime Fat Free Cheeses
Selected Varieties.
8 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings.... 80¢
2.99



Ball Park Lite Franks
16 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings... 1.70
2.29



Barilla Plus Pasta
Selected Varieties.
16 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings...80¢
1.19





Progresso Microwave Soup
Selected Varieties.
15.25 oz. Bowl
Save 1.69.90 on 10
10 for $10

Quaker Rice Cakes
Selected Varieties.
4.5-6.57 oz. Package
Save 2.58¢ on 2
2 for $3





Clif Bars or Clif Luna Bars
Selected Varieties.
1.69-2.4 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings...60¢
99¢

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Stop Sign Savings...4.80

18.99

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Selected Varieties.
25.5-26 oz. Jar

Save 2.98 on 2

2 for $5





Lay's Potato Chips

Selected Varieties.
11-11.5 oz. Bag

Stop Sign Savings...1.00

1.99

Quaker Oatmeal

Regular or Quick Oats.
42 oz. Canister

Save 4.38 on 2

2 for $5





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Selected Varieties.
184-200 Count Package

Save 76¢ on 2

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Stop Sign Savings...5.00

12.99



Mirassou Pinot Noir

750 ml. Bottle

Stop Sign Savings... 3.00

6.99



Columbia Crest Grand Estates

Selected Varieties.
750 ml. Bottle

Stop Sign Savings...4.00

6.99



Budweiser Beer

Regular or Light.
20 Pack/12 oz. Bottles

Stop Sign Savings... 4.00

11.99 +crv

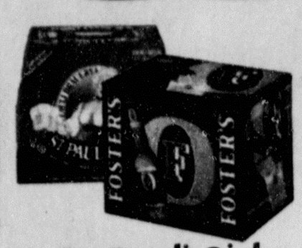


St. Pauli Girl or Fosters Lager

12 Pack/12 oz. Bottles

Save up to 4.00

9.99 +crv

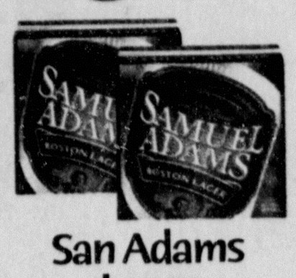


San Adams Lager

Selected Varieties.
12 Pack/12 oz. Bottles

Stop Sign Savings... 3.00

10.99 +crv

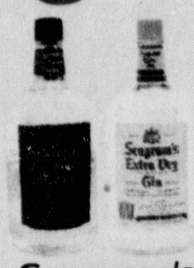


Seagram's Vodka or Gin

1.75 Liter Bottle

Stop Sign Savings... 5.00

14.99



NATURAL LIVING

CortiSlim

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3.99



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5 Count Package

Stop Sign Savings... 1.10

5.89



Axe Body Spray

Selected Varieties.
4 oz. Can

Stop Sign Savings... 2.00

2.99



Lady Speed Stick 24/7 Deodorant

Selected Varieties.
2.3 oz. Package

Stop Sign Savings.... 60¢

2.69



HOUSEHOLD NEEDS

Kleenex Cottonelle Bathroom Tissue

12 Double Rolls

Stop Sign Savings... 3.09

4.10



Glad Lock Sandwich Bags

100 Count

Save 3.78 on 2

2 for $4



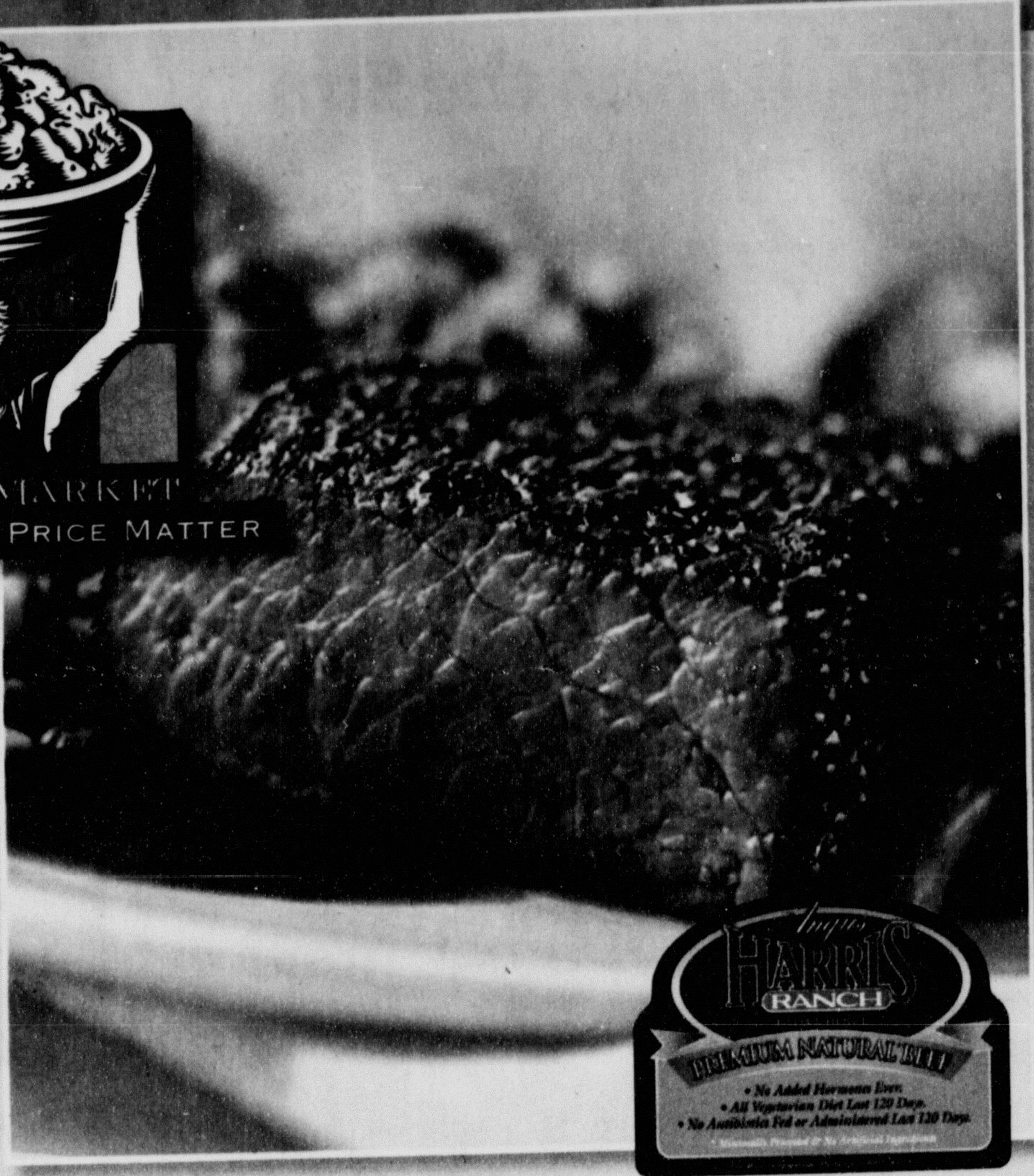


Can't decide... how about both! Build your own half sandwich and add a half pint of hot soup for just.....

4.99 Save $1.00

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Foster Farms California Fresh
Split Chicken Breast
In the value pack.

1.09 lb.
Stop Sign Savings...1.60 lb.

Harris Ranch USDA Choice Premium Natural Angus Beef
Top Round or London Broil Steaks

3.99 lb.
Stop Sign Savings...2.00 lb.



Superior Farms USDA Choice
Boneless Sirloin Lamb Chops
Stop Sign Savings...1.00 lb.
3.69 lb.



Nugget's Own Fresh Sausage of the Week:
Pork Teriyaki Pineapple
Save 1.50 lb.
2.99 lb.

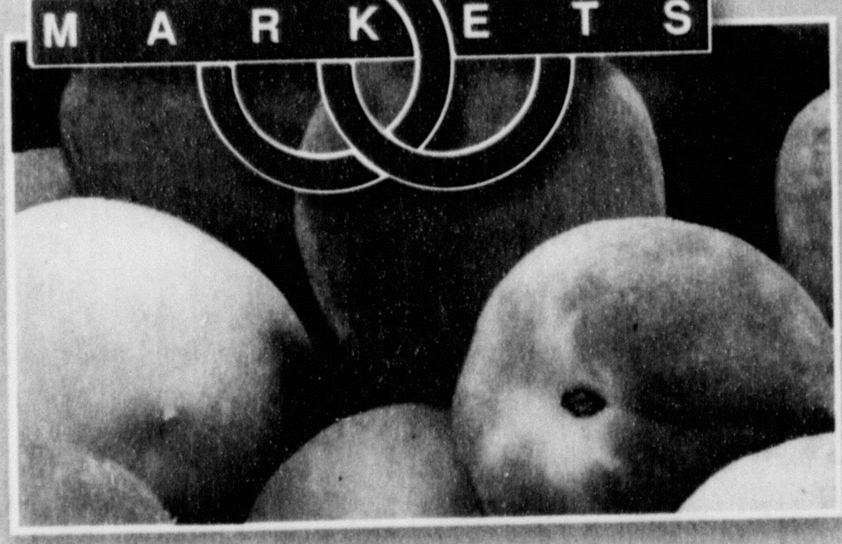


Prairie Fresh 100% Natural
Pork Tenderloin
Stop Sign Savings...2.00 lb.
3.99 lb.



Fresh
Mahi Mahi Fillets
Stop Sign Savings...5.00 lb.
8.99 lb.

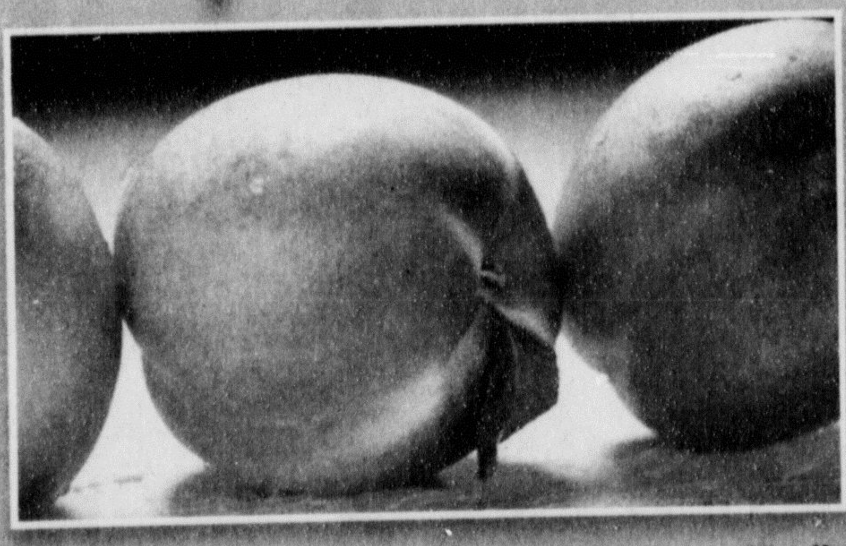
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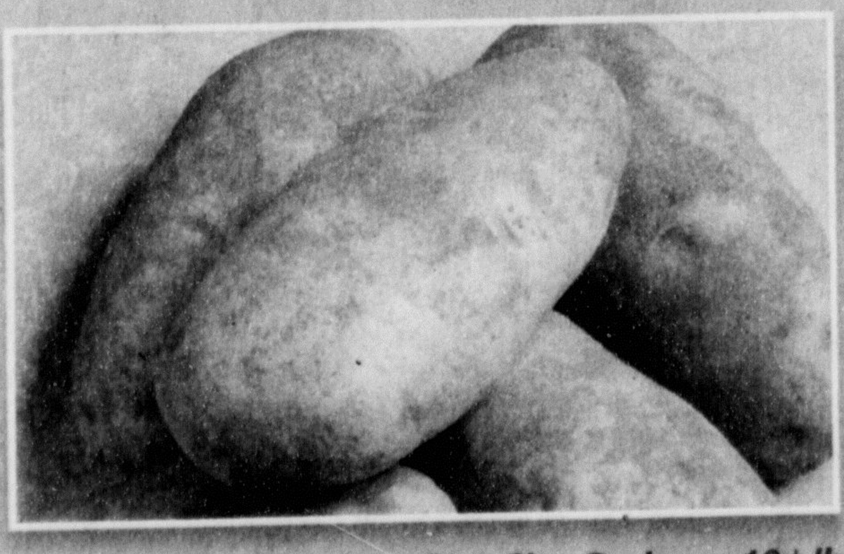
Chilean Grown
Large Size Peaches
Stop Sign Savings...61¢ lb.
2.38 lb.



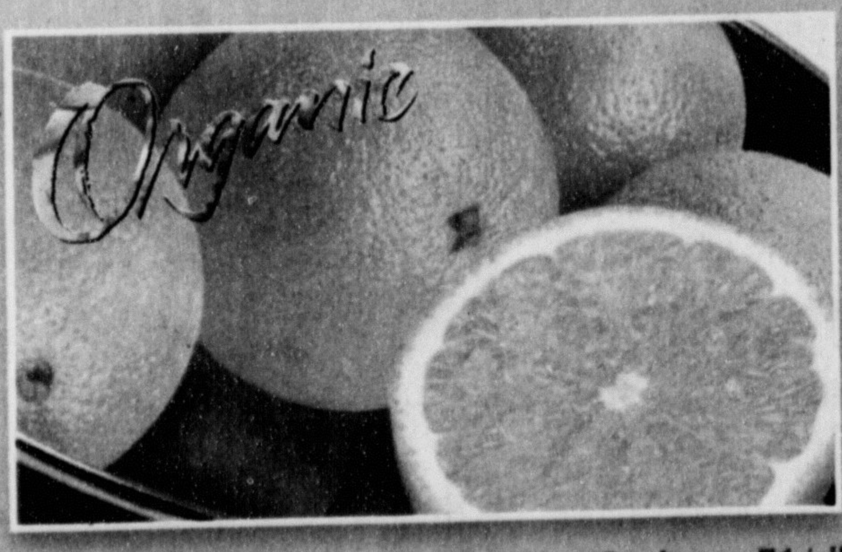
Texas Rio Star
Fresh Red Grapefruit
Stop Sign Savings...21¢ ea.
78¢ ea.



Chilean Grown
Large Ripe Nectarines
Stop Sign Savings...61¢ lb.
2.38 lb.



Northwestern Bakers
Large Russet Potatoes
Stop Sign Savings...19¢ lb.
2 lbs. $1



California Organic
Large Navel Oranges
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1.18 lb.



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